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Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Curtis Park Traffic Control - Report Back

SUMMARY

As instructed by the City Council on April 22, 1986, this report provides information on the impact of traffic control measures implemented at Curtis Park. Further, this report requests authorization to permanently close Ninth Avenue in Curtis Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Curtis Park, located between Sutterville Road on the south and Donner Way on the north, was dedicated to the City in 1919 for provision of open restful areas and play area for children. Approximately a third of a mile in length and three hundred feet wide, this 18.5 acre park contains a children's play area, two lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, softball field and restrooms as well as passive grassy areas and shade trees.

In early 1985, Curtis Park began to experience traffic congestion, loitering and anti-social behavior. Residents of the area were particularly concerned with the level of noise in the park. This problem, which developed mainly on the three streets running east-west through the park at its northern end, centered around Ninth Avenue.

Discussion with concerned area residents, Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association and Traffic Engineering, Police and Parks and Community Services staff focused on possible solutions to this problem. Two control measures were instituted: removal of a picnic table and benches by Parks and Community Services staff and more frequent police patrols. Other suggested modifications were to be implemented if they were found necessary to curtail noise, traffic and anti-social activity in Curtis Park. Until the spring of 1986, these two measures were effective in reducing the anti-social behavior and attendant noise. However, with the arrival of mild weather and despite these two control

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measures, anti-social problems and traffic again returned to the park. On April 22, 1986 City Council directed staff to install gates to close Ninth Avenue at both East Curtis Park Drive and West Curtis Park Drive entrances.

Ninth Avenue has remained closed since the spring and staff recommends that the gates installed in the spring remain in place until such time as permanent closure measures can be implemented. Permanent closure of Ninth Avenue can be accomplished by demolition and removal of the street and installation of landscaping, turf, irrigation and curb and gutters on East and West Curtis Park Drives (Attachment A).

During a meeting to assess the effectiveness of the Ninth Avenue closure, held by Parks and Community Services staff on October 6, 1986, over 30 Curtis Park area residents, including representatives of the Sierra-Curtis Neighborhood Association, expressed their satisfaction with the Ninth Avenue closure. Further, they gave their full support to permanent closure of the street.

FINANCIAL DATA

The total estimated cost of permanent closure of Ninth Avenue by removing asphalt and landscaping at East and West Curtis Park Drives in Curtis Park is \$58,833.

This project will be submitted within the 1987-1992 City Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION

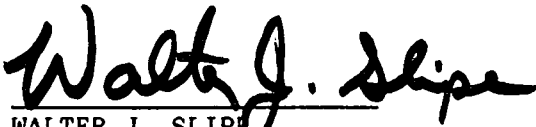
It is recommended that City Council, by resolution, authorize the permanent closure of Ninth Avenue in Curtis Park.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:



WALTER J. SLIPS
City Manager

January 13, 1987
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RESOLUTION NO. 87-023

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT CLOSURE
OF NINTH AVENUE IN CURTIS PARK

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

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1. That the need for traffic control measures in Curtis Park requires that Ninth Avenue in Curtis Park be permanently closed at East Curtis Park Drive and West Curtis Park Drive.
2. That the demolition of pavement, curb and gutter and installation of landscaping to permanently close Ninth Avenue in Curtis Park is hereby approved.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK