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Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Report
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Discussion Item 9.

Concept Plan and Naming of Crape Myrtle Park in the Panhandle Development

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Location: District 1, Represented by Councilmember Kaplan

Recommendation: Review and pass a **Motion** recommending approval of the proposed park concept plan for the community park in the Panhandle development, as well as the proposed name, "Crape Myrtle Park," to the City Council.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Park Concept Plan
- 3-Vicinity Map

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment (YPCE) recommends approving the concept plan for the proposed community park located in the Panhandle development. This 11.02-acre park site is proposed to be on contiguous site that consist of three parcels within three separate planned communities. The north parcel is 3.52-acres, the middle parcel is 3.55-acres and the southern parcel is 3.95-acres. Panhandle development is located within the North Natomas, south of West Elkhorn Blvd, west of East Levee Road and north of Del Paso Road.

YPCE also recommends approving naming community park as Crape Myrtle Park. The proposed Crape Myrtle Park concept plan includes the following amenities: an adventure play area, shaded group picnic area, small picnic nodes, pickleball courts, park naming sign, restrooms, parking lot, soccer fields, crape myrtle bosque, open turf areas, site furnishings, shade trees and walking paths.

Policy Considerations: Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic

plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City. The adoption of a park site plan is consistent with the park development process set forth in the Sacramento Parks Plan 2040.

On February 26, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution 2008-112, establishing a Facility Naming Policy. The policy contains guidance when naming facilities or portions of facilities. Staff is seeking the Commission's recommendation for approval of the Crape Myrtle Park name for this new park in the Panhandle development.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: The community park concept plan has been reviewed for compliance with the requirement of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that these projects fall within the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Panhandle Planned Unit Development Project (P16-013). The EIR for the Panhandle Planned Unit Development project was certified by City Council on July 3, 2018 (Resolution 2018-0280). The EIR adequately described the development of park facilities as part of the development project. The analyses, findings and mitigation measures remain unchanged. No further environmental review is required.

Sustainability: The proposed Park Site Plan has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City's Climate Action Plan for Internal Operations 2016 Update, the 2035 General Plan, the YPCE Strategic Plan, and the Sacramento Parks Plan 2040. The park will advance the goals, policies, and targets of these plans by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of trees, including native and drought-tolerant plantings, and improving the health of all residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities. Individual products have not been chosen at this level of development, but the design will include products from recycled materials, if available, and tree and shade covering for minimal heat gain to reduce urban heat islands. The park development will include sustainable design and maintenance guidelines, including the City's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo), low impact development (LID) strategies to infiltrate stormwater and reduce run-off, and River Friendly landscaping program practices by using water efficient irrigation upgrades controlled by the centralized irrigation system, and water/energy efficient appliances.

Commission/Committee Action: The Parks and Community Enrichment Commission will consider recommending the site plan and name of Crape Myrtle Park in the Panhandle Development for approval by the City Council.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Developer who is developing Panhandle 105 subdivision has been working with the City to come up with a proposed plan for the 11.02-acre park site. As indicated earlier, this site consists of three separate parcels in three different subdivisions. However, this park

will be one contiguous site within these subdivisions.

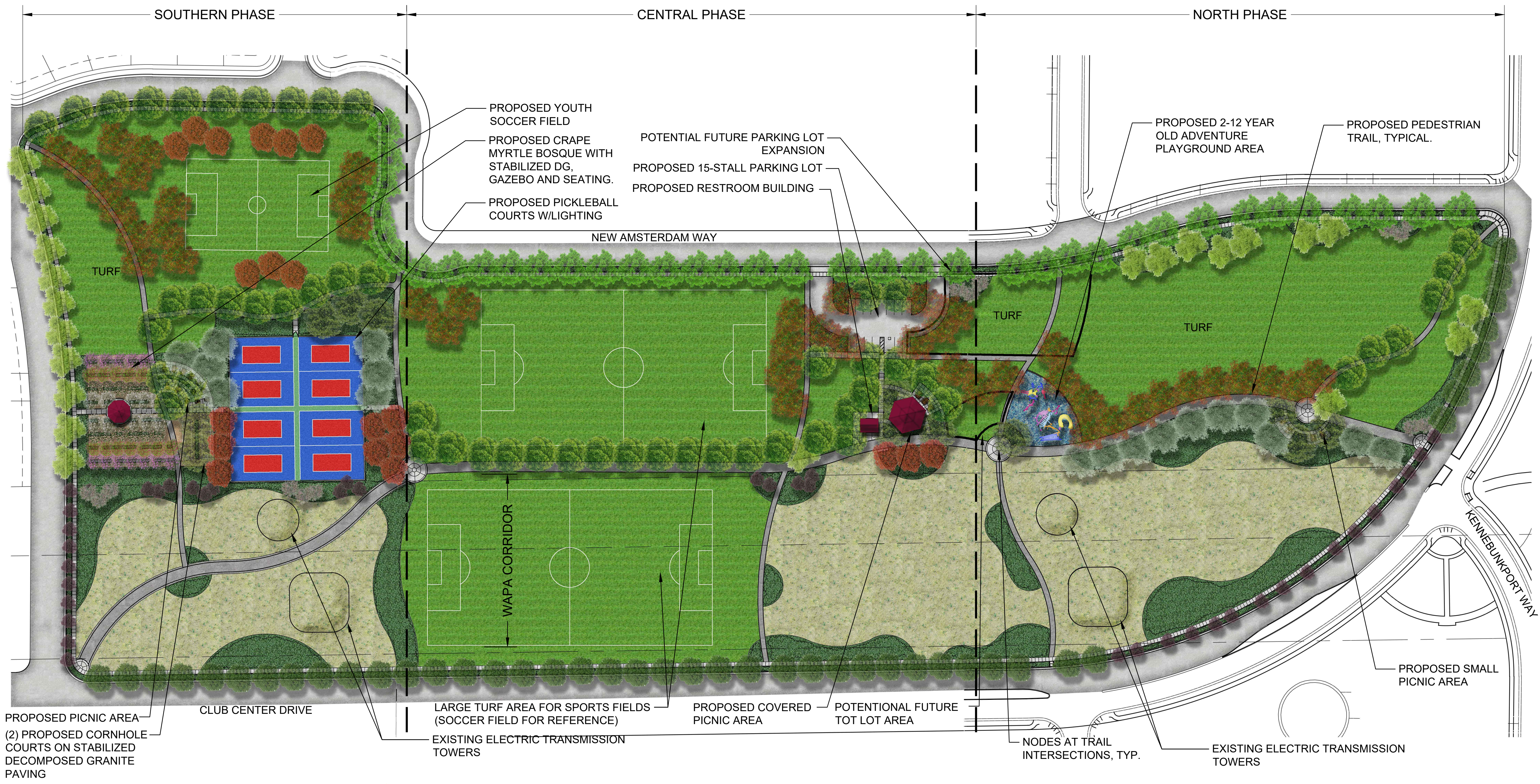
YPCE worked with Council District 1 office, and the Panhandle 105 developer to prepare a community survey for this proposed park. This survey requesting input from the community was out for review and comment from May 7th through May 30, 2024. Based on the survey results, the Developers consultant, Studio 1515, Landscape Architecture prepared a concept plan for the entire 11.02-acre park site. The proposed park amenities for this site include the following: an adventure play area, shaded group picnic area, small picnic nodes, eight pickleball courts, park naming sign, restrooms, parking lot, soccer fields, crape myrtle bosque, open turf areas, site furnishings, shade trees and walking paths. This concept plan was reviewed by the council office and the plan was modified based on the council office's comments.

In northeast Natomas, the majority of the parks are named after trees. The council office worked with the community to come up with a name for this park. The name recommendation received for this park is "Crape Myrtle Park."

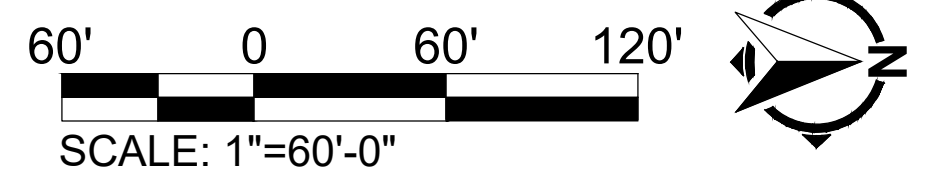
Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations associated with this report as this park will be constructed by the developer in exchange for park impact fee credits. Approval of the site plan does not constitute approval of the construction of the park.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.

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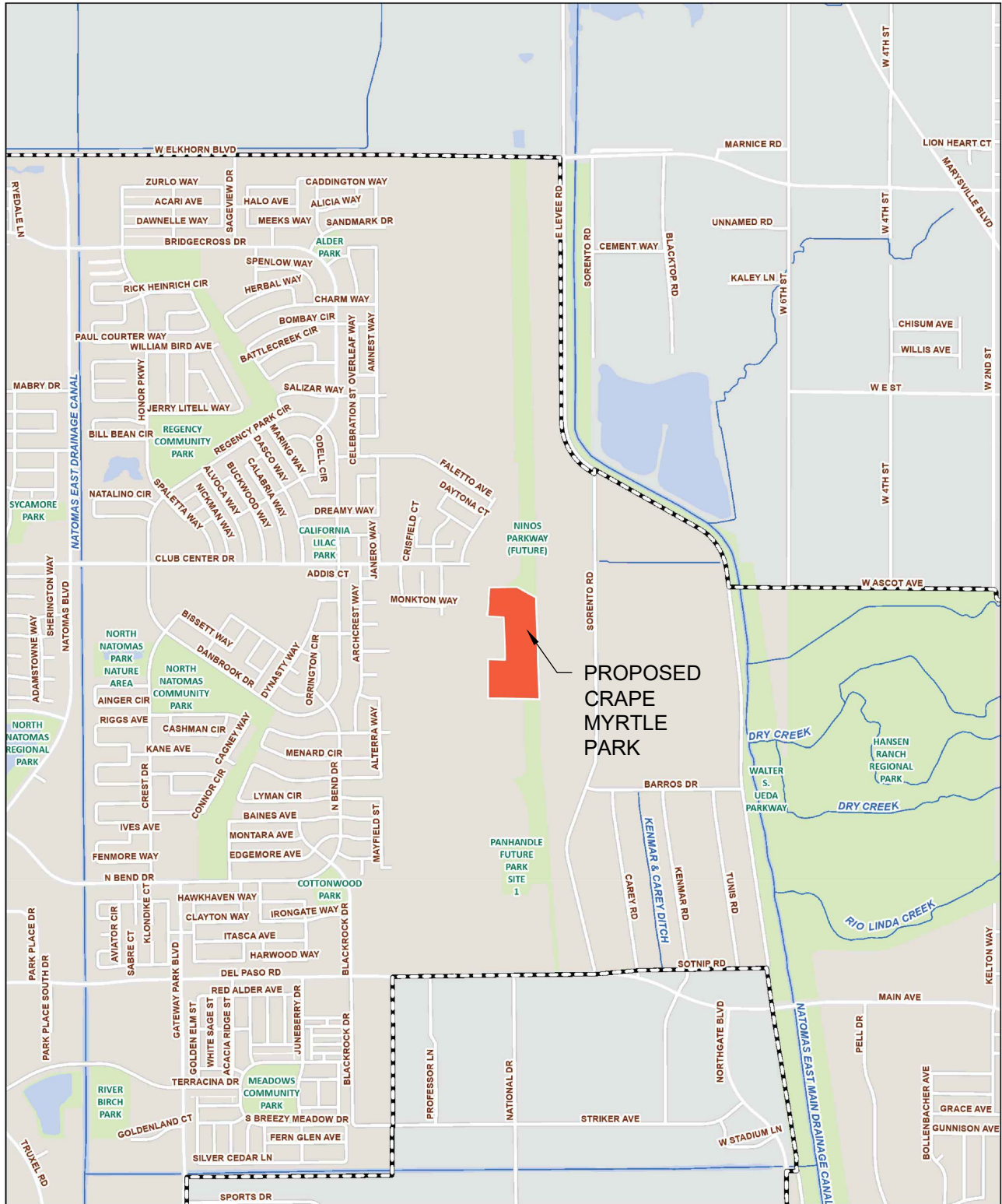
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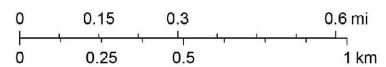
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CRAPE MYRTLE PARK

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