

Council Meeting of
April 17, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services Department – Update of Library and Park Improvement Projects in the South Torrance Area.

The Community Services Department provides a wide range of informational, recreational, cultural, and educational programs and services for persons of all ages and abilities with an emphasis on serving the City's youth. In addition, the Department is responsible for providing proper management, maintenance, and stewardship of the City's libraries, recreational facilities, parks, landscaped areas, and natural resources.

The following list provides an update of enhancements to the library and park facilities that serve the South Torrance community.

South Torrance Library and Parks Improvement Projects Update

Libraries

➤ **EI Retiro**

- Earthquake braced book shelving to be installed.
- New carpeting to be implemented.
- Electrical and wiring upgrades planned.
- Wi-Fi (wireless access) planned.

➤ **Walteria**

- Earthquake braced book shelving to be installed.
- New carpeting to be implemented.
- Electrical and wiring upgrades planned.
- Wi-Fi (wireless access) planned.
- Library landscaping upgraded.

Parks

➤ **Lago Seco Park**

- Phase One Renovation completed 2006 including:
 - Two lighted basketball courts installed.
 - New picnic tables, benches and drinking fountains added.
 - New play equipment installed.
 - Community Gardens area upgraded.
 - Irrigation system upgraded.
 - Additional turf areas created.
 - Concrete walkways upgraded.
 - Additional security lighting added.
 - Trees and landscaping upgraded.
 - Additional upgrades on shared area with Riviera Little League.

➤ **Discovery Park**

- A disabled accessible park created in 2005 that includes:
 - Play equipment.
 - Shade structure.
 - Tables, benches and barbeques.
 - Concrete and decomposed granite walkways.
 - Security lighting.
 - Trees and landscaping.

➤ **El Retiro Park**

- New play equipment to be installed in May 2007.
- Tree trimming/shaping scheduled.

➤ **Walteria Park**

- Horseshoe courts rebuilt.
- Additional security lighting to be installed.

➤ **Miramar Park**

- Relocation of electrical box planned.

➤ **Los Arboles Park**

- Tree planting pending.

➤ **Deportola Park**

- Wooden picnic tables were replaced with vinyl clad wire mesh tables.

➤ **Alta Loma Park**

- New oven/cook top pending.

Recreational Facilities**➤ Sea Aire Golf Course**

- New roof installed on the facility.
- Irrigation and sprinkler system upgraded.
- Tee-off mats upgraded.
- New chairs added to rental facility.

Respectfully submitted,



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CONCUR:



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City Manager