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Councilmember District 5

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 9, 2021

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Budget Referral: Solano-Peralta Park restoration and improvements

RECOMMENDATION

Refer \$50,000 to the November 2021 AAO process for restoration and improvements for the Solano-Peralta Park, located at 1559 Solano Avenue, also bordered by Peralta and Capistrano Avenues.

BACKGROUND

The Solano-Peralta Park is a small urban park made up mostly of a poured concrete plaza with a few scattered planters and benches and a relatively large fenced sandbox for children. The Park was funded by monies from Measure Y, the bond passed in 1974 for park development, and contributions from a neighborhood organization, the Solano-Peralta Group. The final design was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission in November 1981, and the park was completed in 1983. Since that time, the park has not been updated. Situated on a busy corner with numerous nearby restaurants and shops, the park, which has the potential to operate as a lively urban plaza, is extremely worn and tired. An adjacent restaurant has taken on regular sweeping and cleaning of the area but the general poor condition results in an underutilized space.

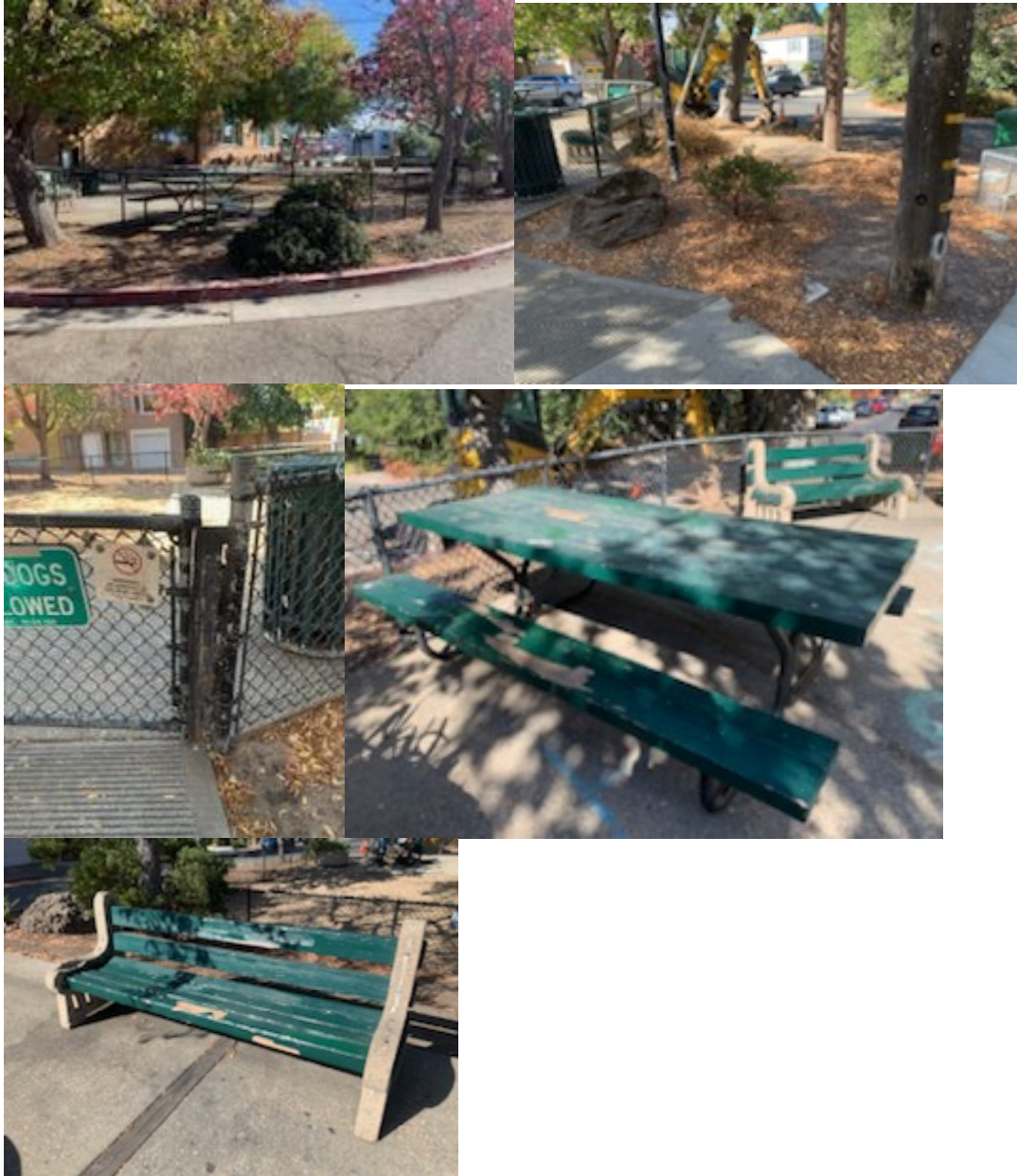
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget request for \$50,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Access to convenient outdoor dining and socializing space is increasingly in demand due to COVID-19. If updated and revitalized, the Solano-Peralta Park has the potential to bring life to a retail environment that continues to struggle from the economic crisis. Unfortunately, park infrastructure is severely outdated, with benches worn and in some places crumbling, planters filled with dead plants, trees overgrown and/or partially dead, wooden dividers between concrete slabs splintering, and the park in need of maintenance and updates.

The Parks Department is scheduled to “clean up” the park this year, but no funds exist for improvements. Funds allocated will help to replant, refurbish, and update the park to meet current needs. A small Investment can have a significant impact on this heavily used space. New permanent seating, cafe tables/chairs can be purchased to provide much needed outdoor, community seating in the district. Local merchants have offered to “adopt the spot” and take care of securing tables and chairs nightly and putting them out for the public each morning. Permanent benches need to be repainted or replaced. ADA accessible seating for eating should be added.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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Minimal. Could contribute to an increased walkability for the shopping district and neighborhood and encourage neighbors to get out of their cars.

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