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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 700-31 REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN ACQUISITION BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES OF PARK RESERVE LANDS.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

That Council Policy No. 700-31 regarding guidelines for City participation in acquisition by Special Assessment procedures of Park Reserve lands and, to the extent applicable, open space lands, is hereby established as set forth in the form of Council Policy filed in the office of the City Clerk 744414 . as Document No.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

DJS:cav Revised

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BACKGROUND:

An acquisition district can be initiated either by the Council or by a petition from the community desiring the acquisition. In order to better inform the property owners of their obligations implicit in the petition and to guide staff in arriving at the total cost of a proposed acquisition, a basis for determining any proposed City contribution should be established.

This policy classifies the various types of acquisition and assigns certain ranges of participation for each classification. These criteria attempt to measure the degree to which the Park Reserve land can accommodate utilization by the public and, hence, the value to the City as a potential park. Whether or not a particular acquisition would qualify for the high or low percentage within the specified range would depend upon how adequately it meets the various criteria. This is determined through the use of the attached nomographs. For a given area within each category, the City Participation increases with an increase in the number of access points and the percentage of flat land.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform guidelines for the extent to which the City will participate in the acquisition of Park Reserve through Special Assessment (acquisition district) procedures. The participation may take the form of: 1) a cash contribution either at the time of the creation of the assessment or during the life of the bonds; 2) the donation of the City-owned property as Park Reserve as provided under Council Policy 700-29; or 3) through the assuming of special maintenance obligations by the City.

DEFINITIONS:

Prime Access for Park Reserve constitutes an area which can be readily improved for vehicular access and off-street parking without disruption of adjacent residential development. Such an area should have safe access from a major or collector street and should be capable of providing a level parking area for an adequate number of cars.

Secondary Access constitutes an area which is capable of providing pedestrian access to the Park Reserve without disruption of adjacent development. These secondary access points may be from local streets

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but should not be of such major importance that they would generate excessive on-street parking. These access points should be of sufficient width and grade to permit passage of emergency and light maintenance vehicles.

POLICY:

Acquisition

It is the policy of the Council to encourage creation of Park Reserve acquisition districts by participating in such acquisition to the extent listed below:

1. Class "A" - Range of City Participation 50-75%

A Class "A" Park Reserve area consists of 100 acres or more with a minimum continuous length of 6,000 feet or, in lieu of such length, would provide usable linkage with other parks or park reserve areas. It must have two or more points of Prime Access with several well dispersed Secondary Access points. The Park Reserve areas may consist of flood plains, canyon lands, broad expanses of hillside or mountain areas, coastal reaches, or ocean inlets.

2. Class "B" - Range of City Participation 15-50%

A Class "B" Park Reserve area should comprise at least 25 acres in size and 1,000 feet in length or provide linkages to other parks or park reserve areas. The area should have a minimum of one Prime Access point with several Secondary Access points. The topography should consist generally of the same areas referred to in Class "A", but may be much smaller in scope.

3. Class "C" - Range of City Participation 5-15%

A Class "C" Park Reserve area should normally have a minimum of 2 acres with two or more dispersed Secondary Access points. The topography would normally include small finger canyons or hillside areas within developed residential communities.

4. Class "D" - No City Participation

This type of Park Reserve is categorized as having local benefit only and would have no restrictions as to area, topography, or size.

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5. The Council may modify these participation percentages in specific instances where the above criteria do not real-istically reflect the public's benefit from the acquisition.

MAINTENANCE:

The City will, at its expense, perform all basic maintenance required within a Park Reserve area. This basic maintenance would consist of trash and debris removal, remedial work to control erosion, brush clearance to eliminate fire danger, and maintenance of the minimal improvements. Where the community desires additional recreational facilities within the Park Reserve area, the cost for maintenance of these special facilities would normally be recovered through assessments to a maintenance district.

ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE:

All Park Reserve areas should have adequate vehicular access to perform the basic maintenance functions. Where Secondary Access is to be used for this purpose, locked gates or chain fencing should be installed to bar unauthorized vehicles from the Park Reserve area.

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