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REPORT NO. 02-051

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of March 19, 2002

SUBJECT: West Arcade - Plan Amendment to the Balboa Park
Central Mesa Precise Plan

REFERENCE: Planning Commission Report No. P-01-239, dated November 21, 2001

SUMMARY

Issues: Should the City Council approve the plan amendment to the Balboa Park - Central Mesa Precise Plan for the proposed West Arcade Project and certify the Negative Declaration (ND) LDR No. 41-0536?

Manager's Recommendations: Approve the plan amendment to the Balboa Park - Central Mesa Precise Plan for the proposed West Arcade Project and certify the Negative Declaration.

Other Recommendations: The proposed plan amendment have been reviewed by the following advisory bodies on the dates shown, and their recommendations are noted.

January 3, 2001, the Historical Resources Board's Design Assistance Subcommittee endorsed the proposed plan amendment and project plans with the following issues to be studied:

1. The arcade presents an interesting design issue in its relationship to the existing slope, vegetation, and sculpture garden wrought iron fence. This needs to be studied in greater detail.
2. Landscape materials should also be carefully taken into consideration by using those that have a historical precedent with the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition.
3. The new arcade should line up with the entrance to the Alcazar Gardens.
4. The question of overall design of the arcade and its ornamentation with regards to compliance with US Secretary of Interior Standards is not an issue.

April 5, 2001, Planning Commission approved the initiation of the Plan Amendment with the following issues to be studied by staff:

1. To study the relationship of the west and east end of the proposed arcade in relationship to the existing buildings.
2. To study the relationship of the existing Museum of Art sculpture garden fence

to the proposed location of the Arcade.

July 10, 2001, Balboa Park Committee recommended to approved the proposed plan amendment and project plans, vote 5-2-1.

July 11, 2001, Design Review Committee recommended to approved the proposed plan amendment and project plans, vote 5-3-0, with the following modifications:

1. The project is to return to the Design Review Committee for approval of the

