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**Date** September 3, 2015

**To:** Recreation and Park Commission  
Operations Committee

**Through:** Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager  
Dawn Kamalanathan, Planning and Capital Division Manager

**From:** Dan Mauer, Project Manager

**Subject:** Golden Gate Park- West End Fence Replacement and Landscape Improvements

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### **Agenda Wording**

Discussion and possible action to approve the use of Open Space Contingency Undesignated Reserve Funds in the amount of \$125,000 for the Golden Gate Park West End Fence Replacement and Landscape Improvement Project.

### **Background**

The landscape frontage on the western edge of Golden Gate Park plays an important role both visually and functionally for the Park. Visually, it represents the leading edge and first impression of the Park as visitors approach from Ocean Beach. Having a clean and attractive frontage for this edge is important. More important than the visual impact is the functional importance of this landscape. This leading edge creates the first line of defense from the strong winds coming off the ocean. Maintaining a healthy line of vegetation, both shrubs and trees, along this frontage is extremely important to the health of the western edge of the Park.

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan, Special Areas -West End Plan, identifies that this frontage has been long neglected and that this area is in need of attention. Over the years, this area has been declining due to shifting sands from Ocean Beach which is covering the front edge planting spaces, failing irrigation infrastructure, deteriorating and rusting fences and most recently diseased plant material which is dying along the coast line

Preserving and enhancing this frontage is much needed and this projects' goal is to assist the Department's gardening staff towards this end.



## **Proposed Renovations**

The proposed improvement project includes the following work tasks:

- Remove and dispose of sand that has built up on the leading edge of the landscape frontage
- Remove and replace the deteriorated/rusted chain link fence with a new, lower fencing in approximately the same layout location- approximately 1,580 linear feet
- Remove several dead/dying shrubs- approximately 20
- Install new and modify the existing irrigation system. This new irrigation will assist in watering the frontage as well as the landscape area between the frontage and the Old Rail Road Pathway immediately east.
- Install new shrubs and trees. This includes the planting of 39 new Cyprus trees which will supplement the reforestation efforts already underway by our Urban Forest team.
- Repair 20 damaged or missing wooden bollard that make up the cable fence along the pedestrian path.
- Install new wire cables on the existing wooden bollard fence.

## **Anticipated Renovation Schedule**

September 2015	Recreation and Park Commission approves fund allocation
September 2015	Bid and award a construction contract
Oct/Nov 2015	Construction
December 2015	Project closeout

## **Source/Use of Funds**

### Fund Sources:

Furman Bequest:	\$200K
General Fund:	\$275K
Open Space Contingency: (Undesignated reserve)	\$125K
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Total Project Budget:	\$600K

### Fund Uses:

Engineer's Estimate for Construction:	\$542K
Soft Costs (Design/PM/Testing/CM):	\$ 58K

**Staff Recommendation**

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission accepts the recommendation of the General Manager and Staff and hereby approves the allocation and expenditure of Open Space Contingency Funds-Undesignated Reserve in the amount of \$125,000 for use on the Golden Gate Park West End Fence Replacement and Landscape Improvement Project.

**Supported By:**

General Manager  
Recreation and Park Department Operation Staff

**Opposed By:**

None know

**Attachments:**

- Planting Plan
- Site Photos- existing condition