



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 6, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Donation from the Bessemer Trust for Tree Planting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$7,105 for tree planting at Indian Rock Park and John Hinkel Park from the Bessemer Trust.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total value of purchasing approximately 40 new trees and associated supplies for Indian Rock Park and John Hinkel Park is \$7,105. City staff will do the installation. The cash donation will be deposited into the Parks Tax Fund (Fund 138) donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and is subject to appropriation in the FY 2024 Parks Tax Fund.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In 2022, the Bessemer Trust approached the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (PRW) Department about a donation to help replant new trees after a mature oak tree failure in Monkey Island Park. After this successful community tree planting, the Bessemer Trust inquired about future projects. City staff provided options to help fund materials for tree planting at Indian Rock and John Hinkel Parks.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, approximately 10 trees were planted at Indian Rock Park with Urban Forestry staff and a group of community volunteers. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, approximately 20 trees were planted at John Hinkel Park with Urban Forestry staff and a group of community volunteers. Approximately 10 additional trees were planted at John Hinkel Park over the spring.

BACKGROUND

Per the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy, individuals may donate to the City's parks in selected locations subject to the approval of the Director of the PRW Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation. The Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 66,831–N.S. and has approved the donation, subject to Council

approval. The City's Open Governance Ordinance requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

This donation covers the cost of planting 40 new trees in City parks, which helps the City advance Strategic Goal No. 7 to be a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The donation allows the City to install approximately 40 new trees at Indian Rock Park and John Hinkel Park, which will benefit the general public.

CONTACT PERSON

Bruce Pratt, Parks Superintendent, 510-981-6632.

Attachments: 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

DONATION FROM THE RORICK FAMILY TRUST FOR STRAWBERRY CREEK

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, Council adopted the Expanded City Parks Donation Policy (Resolution No. 66,831–N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Trust, wishes to donate for tree planting at Indian Rock Park and John Hinkel Park with a cash donation of \$7,105; and

WHEREAS, per the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy, individuals may donate to the City's parks in selected locations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation; and

WHEREAS, the Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 66,831–N.S. and has approved the proposed donation; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation will be deposited into Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a cash donation in the amount of \$7,105 for tree planting at Indian Rock Park and John Hinkel Park from the Bessemer Trust is hereby accepted.

