

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Thermal Pocket Park Project

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445:
  - a. The construction of the proposed park is a benefit to the Thermal Sub Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by helping to eliminate blight within the project area by expanding recreational opportunities and removing the current blighting condition of the property;
  - b. Due to the current economic crisis, there is limited funding for new capital improvements, and there are no other reasonable means of financing available to the community for this project;

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REVIEWED BY CIP

*Christopher Hans*  
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*Robert Field*  
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Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2011/12

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** Yes

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Funds-Desert Communities Project Area

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

*Jennifer L. Sargent*  
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BY Jennifer L. Sargent

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Buster and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone and Benoit  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ashley  
Date: August 16, 2011  
xc: EDA, RDA, CIP

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*  
Deputy

(Comp. Item 4.7)

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.6 of 4/22/08; 4.1 of 4/22/08

District: 4

Agenda Number:

**3.19**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
DATE: 8-2-11  
ANITA C. WILLIS  
Concurrence

Dept't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)**

- c. The payment of funds for the proposed project is consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the DCPA which includes the development and construction of parks for the improvement of and benefit to the project area; and
2. Consent to the payments of Redevelopment funds for the project.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 22, 2008, the Board of Supervisors consented to the purchase of real property, known as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 757-052-001 thru 757-052-005, located in the Desert Communities Project Area. The proposed Thermal Pocket Park forms a triangular lot located on the corners of Date Street, Church Street and Main Street in the center of the unincorporated community of Thermal.

The above mentioned parcels are presently vacant parcels. The proposed park will help to eliminate blight by preventing further illegal dumping activities and will help in the revitalization of the substandard physical and economic conditions that exist within the community.

The proposed park has been identified as a community development need; there are very limited recreational facilities in or near the community. A recreational field for seasonal sports at a local school site is currently used by the residents for recreational purposes. The proposed park will provide added recreational opportunities and will benefit and enhance the quality of life of the residents.

The total cost to construct the new park will not be known until project is bid, but the estimated project cost for the pocket park is approximately \$600,000. Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code provides that a Redevelopment Agency may assist in the design or development of public improvements that are of benefit to the project area of immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. The project will be brought back before the Board of Directors once plans and specifications have been completed for approval.

EDA staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445 and consent to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency.