



**Director of Community Services**

**9/25/12 City Council Meeting**

**Prepared by: Steve Youel, Director of Community Services**

**Item #:** 12.4

**Subject:** Authorize City staff to temporarily close Lumsden Park for restoration projects and allocate up to \$4,000.00 from the Contingency for Unforeseen Expenditures for the fabrication and installation of a permanent entrance gate at the park.

**Discussion:** In an attempt to improve overall conditions at Lumsden Park, staff is seeking authorization to close the park to the general public beginning October 1, 2012 with the intent to re-open the park in time for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for April 13, 2013. The proposed park closure will enable parks personnel an opportunity to make much needed site improvements to the park. Scheduled park improvements include; 1.) Restoration of the existing restroom facilities, 2.) Re-establishment of turf areas, 3.) Foot trail stabilization, 4.) Brush removal 5.) Playground resurfacing and 6.) The installation of a permanent entrance gate. Staffs recommended site improvements and the temporary closure of Lumsden Park is supported by the City of Placerville Recreation and Parks Commission.

The installation of a permanent entrance gate (see attached) is intended to assist efforts to close the park from dusk to dawn as required by City Ordinance (1576, 8-21-2001). Once the gate is installed and the park reopens, a Gate Keeper and private residents living beyond the park boundary will be responsible for opening and closing the gate each day. The current residents and the property owners are in favor of this practice. The gate will be constructed of steel and look much like the existing gate at the entrance to Gold Bug Park (see attached).

**Cost:** All recommended park improvements have been budgeted for with the exception of the proposed installation of an entrance gate. Budgeted amounts for planned site improvements are as follows:

Restroom Restoration	\$4,800
Turf Restoration	\$ 300
Foot Trail Restoration	\$1,000
Playground Resurfacing	\$1,200

Costs associated with the fabrication and installation of the permanent entrance gate is estimated to be \$4,000. City staff, with assistance from Bolton's Portable Welding will install the gate.

Opening and closing the gate on a daily basis will require a combined effort of City full-time and part-time staff. This duty will also be advertised as a possible volunteer assignment. Based on similar efforts to open and close entrance gates throughout City parks and facilities, staff anticipates an additional annual part-time salary expense of \$2,440 (\$8.00 per hr. X 305 hours).

**Budget Impact:** The costs associated with the fabrication and installation of the entrance gate are not part of the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Budget, therefore staff is requesting funds be allocated from the Contingency For Unforeseen Expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. The anticipated part-time personnel costs associated with opening and closing the gate this fiscal

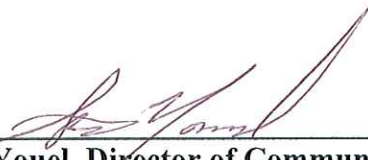
year is approximately \$800.00 and can be allocated from existing part-time park maintenance accounts. The total cost associated with opening and closing the gate for a twelve month period of time will be included within the 2013-2014 Annual Operating Budget for Lumsden Park.

**Recommendation:**

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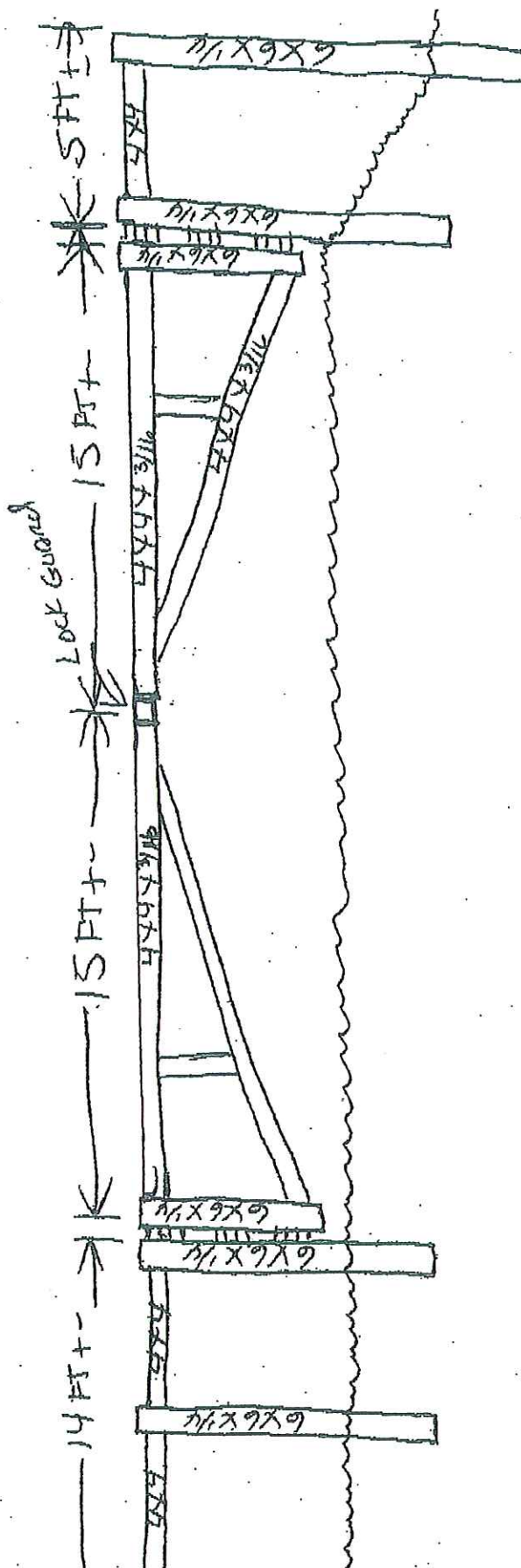
Attachment: Lumsden Gate Design

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**M. Cleve Morris, City Manager**

  
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**Steve Youel, Director of Community Services**

  
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**Dave Warren, Director of Finance**

Lumsden Gate Design



RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PLACERVILLE  
REGARDING LUMSDEN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville Community Services Department desires to make park improvements at Lumsden Park in Placerville; and

WHEREAS, Improvements made to park property will include restoration of the restroom, turf areas, foot trails and playground fall surface; and

WHEREAS, Parks maintenance staff will install a permanent entrance gate intended to assist efforts to close the park from dusk to dawn; and

WHEREAS, The park will be closed to the public beginning October 1, 2012 through April 13, 2013 to make park improvements within a safe environment during construction; and

WHEREAS, Up to \$4,000 has been allocated from the Contingency for Unforeseen Expenditures for the fabrication and installation of a permanent entrance gate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Placerville authorize the Director of Community Services to temporarily close Lumsden Park for restoration projects and installation of a permanent entrance gate.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held September 25, 2012, by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_. A Poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mayor Mark A. Acuna

ATTEST:

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Susan Zito, City Clerk