



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA TITLE:

Proposal to have the Woman's Club trim or replace the rose bushes at Gabrielson Park.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Authorize Staff to work with the Woman's Club and appropriate City Departments to trim or replace the rose bushes at Gabrielson Park.

SUMMARY

The Woman's Club of Sausalito has offered to trim or replace as necessary the rose bushes at Gabrielson Park. The Woman's Club will cover expenses for materials as well as perform much of the labor.

BACKGROUND

On July 28, 1988, the Sausalito Foundation dedicated a rose garden at the entrance to Gabrielson Park to Blanche Dunphy (see Attachment A). Since that time the maintenance on the bushes that the City's Public Works Department has been able to perform not been enough. As a result, the bushes have now reached a height of over 7 feet, are believed to be diseased, and do not flower as they should.

The Woman's Club has generously offered trim or replace as necessary the rose bushes at Gabrielson Park. Staff is currently working with the Public Works Department and local nurseries to determine the appropriate action.

ISSUES

If the rose bushes are determined by experts to be diseased beyond reason, the bushes will need to be removed and replaced. There may be some in the community who see the roses, regardless of their condition, as having historical significance. If the bushes do need to be removed, Staff will reach out to various individuals including the Sausalito Foundation and the Historical Society prior to removal and replacement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

As the Woman's Club has agreed to pay for the supplies and equipment as well as provide most of the labor, there would be little to no cost to the City. The only cost to the City would be the time to dispose of the trimmings and possibly the removal of the stumps if it is determined that the bushes should be replaced.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that they be authorized to work with the Woman's Club and appropriate City Departments to trim or replace as necessary the rose bushes at Gabrielson Park.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Photos of Rose Garden.

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ATTACHMENT A – ROSE GARDEN

