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CITY OF IRVINE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Memo

To: Oliver C. Chi, City Manager
From: Larry Agran, Councilmember *LA*
Date: July 19, 2022
Re: **Improvements at the Great Park ARDA site**

Please place the attached Resolution on the Agenda for the Great Park Board meeting of July 26, 2022; and on the Agenda for the subsequent City Council meeting of July 26, 2022. I intend to make a brief presentation at both meetings, to be followed by discussion and definitive Great Park Board/City Council action.

cc: City Council
Great Park Board of Directors
City Clerk
City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA TO COMMENCE ON-SITE
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GREAT PARK "ARDA" SITE

WHEREAS, in 2019-2020 citizens throughout Irvine collected and delivered 19,790 resident signatures to qualify a citizen initiative designating the City-owned 125-acre "ARDA" site at the edge of the Great Park as the exclusive location zoned for a "veterans memorial park;" and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Irvine, on May 12, 2020, adopted the citizen initiative (Ordinance No. 20-05); and

WHEREAS, the Council-adopted initiative provides for a vast veterans memorial park at the ARDA site, including preservation of historic structures such as the iconic aircraft control tower and airplane hangars, and creation of a perimeter system of trees, trails and memorial/botanical gardens that will surround the ARDA site and memorialize the history of service and sacrifice in the Asian-Pacific theaters of war (World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and throughout the 45-year Cold War).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Irvine, California as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Irvine does hereby direct the City Manager to return to the City Council within 30 days with (i) a demolition, cleanup and site clearance plan for the 125-acre ARDA site, including a start-date for on-site demolition to commence no later than January 10, 2023; and (ii) a Request for Proposals (RFP) for conceptual plans for the following features of the Veterans Memorial Park: (a) a linear perimeter park (approximately 35 acres) surrounding the ARDA site, comprised of large berms, trees, trails, memorial/botanical gardens, and appropriate memorial installations; (b) the restoration and repurposing of the historic on-site aircraft control tower, airplane hangars, tarmac and runway as an aviation museum (approximately 25 acres); and (c) the forestation of that portion (approximately 40 acres) of the ARDA site bounded by Cadence, Pusan Way and Irvine Boulevard.

SECTION 2. The City-incurred costs to complete the demolition, cleanup and site clearance plan for the ARDA site by July 1, 2023 shall be paid from the City's Great Park Development Funds.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of July, 2022.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, CARL PETERSEN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 26th day of July, 2022.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE