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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager

**DATE:** August 7, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Facilities Strategic Plan Update from Staff

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this Facilities Strategic Plan (FSP) update.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

There is no fiscal implication associated with staff's recommendation.

### **BACKGROUND:**

During the October 18, 2005 City Council meeting, Council approved of the idea to initiate a strategic planning process with the ultimate goal of developing a master plan and long term vision for community facilities throughout the City. The Council was interested in pursuing this planning process because many of our civic and recreation facilities have reached, or are near to, the end of their useful lives. The facilities require an ever increasing amount of maintenance work to remain open and are outdated for the programming needs of our community. Consequently, the City contracted with MDA Johson Favaro (MDAJF), an architectural and urban design firm, to facilitate the creation of the facilities master plan. This work began in the late summer of 2006.

Over the last year, MDAJF has guided a comprehensive community driven process for assessing facility and programming needs. This process has included monthly meetings of a resident steering committee, over 60 stakeholder meetings, four community forums, review of related documents, assessment of current and future programming needs, on-site facility research and many iterative drawings showing options for new, or reconstructed, facilities. A summary of the most recent FSP meetings and a schedule of upcoming meetings are presented in the following section.

### **DISCUSSION:**

During the June 19, 2007 City Council Meeting, MDAJF gave a detailed presentation highlighting the master plan work done to that point and current thinking regarding the placement and sizing of the proposed facilities. The presentation included a summary of the information presented to the steering committee during its June meeting. The steering committee had focused on a review of the facilities proposed for Polliwog Park and adjacent land during this June meeting.<sup>1</sup> On July 16,

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<sup>1</sup> The facilities being considered at Polliwog Park include a multi-purpose recreation center (three court gymnasium, community classrooms, fitness center, Scout House

2007, the steering committee met to review facilities proposed for the Live Oak Park and Civic Center area. The facilities proposed for this area include a new library and a multi-purpose community center to replace the Joslyn Center.

The June and July steering committee meetings provided a summary of the direction taken so far in the committee’s work towards a proposal on the master plan. During the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the steering committee will be asked to cast initial votes on a series of questions regarding elements of the master plan. The committee will then cast final votes to establish their recommendations during the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. As the planning process has evolved many different options and much community input has been considered by the committee. One of the most interesting and, as yet, unresolved elements of the master plan that they will consider is the desired placement of a new library (Live Oak Park vs. the current site) and the potential to also reserve space in the Civic Center for a community theatre and visual arts gallery.

There are several other important FSP meetings to be held in the coming months. The two primary sites being considered in the master plan are Polliwog and Live Oak Parks. As such, there will be two special neighborhood meetings the last week of August (dates below) to solicit input from residents living near the parks. There will also be two community-wide forums held in mid-September. These forums will mark the third set of community-wide FSP meetings. MDAJF will provide an update presentation to City Council on September 4<sup>th</sup>, which will include the results of the preliminary steering committee vote. MDAJF will provide another update to Council on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to present the results of the final steering committee vote to be taken September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The next step in the process will be to take the recommended master plan to the City Commissions for their review and comment. The ultimate approval of, and direction for, the master plan will be made by City Council. We hope to bring the facilities master plan to Council for this discussion by the end of the year, or early next year.

**Schedule of Upcoming FSP Meetings**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Steering Committee*	8-6-07	6:30pm	PD/FD Conference Room
Update to City Council	8-7-07	During the City Council meeting	Council Chambers
Live Oak Neighborhood Mtg.	8-27-07	6:00pm	Joslyn Center
Polliwog Park Neighborhood Mtg.	8-29-07	6:00pm	Manhattan Heights Community Center
Update to City Council	9-4-07	During the City Council meeting	Council Chambers
Community Forum	9-13-07	6:30pm	Joslyn Center
Community Forum	9-15-07	6:30pm	Manhattan Heights Community Center
Steering Committee**	9-24-07	6:30pm	Joslyn Center
Update to City Council	10-2-07	During the City Council meeting	Council Chambers

\*Steering committee to cast preliminary votes for the recommended master plan.

\*\* Steering committee to cast final votes for the recommended master plan

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replacement rooms and multi-purpose dance/activities classrooms), an aquatics facility (indoor instruction pool, outdoor fitness pool, outdoor family recreation pool), a teen center to replace the current center at Manhattan Heights and a skatepark.