



Date of Notice: May 10, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: General Development Plan for the Emerson Elementary School Joint Use Field

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Southeastern San Diego

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 9

LOCATION: Emerson Elementary School, 1100 S. 36th St, San Diego, CA 92113

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project includes approval of a General Development Plan for a Joint Use Facility (JUF) at Emerson Elementary School. The proposed JUF includes an area of approximately 2-acres on existing San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) property, including an approximately 0.5-acre synthetic turf field, and the use of 49 existing parking spaces. SDUSD is the lead agency directing the design and construction of the JUF at Emerson Elementary School.

The General Development Plan will provide the following:

- Multi-purpose synthetic turf field (approximately 0.54 acres)
- Walking track
- New asphalt parking lot
- Shade trees
- Drinking fountain
- Fencing

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools), and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities,

mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities; and Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools) which consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The addition of portable classrooms is included in this exemption; and Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On May 10, 2022, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**May 17, 2022**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Sureena Basra, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The appeal application can be obtained in the Lobby of the City Administration Building located at 202 'C' Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The completed appeal package must include the required appeal fee in the form of a check payable to the City

Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Sureena Basra, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.**

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Sureena Basra** at sbasra@sandiego.gov. The revised Public Notice can be found here: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/office_of_the_city_clerk_public_notice_rev09252020_v2.pdf.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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