

February 20, 2003

**Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**Regular Meeting of
February 25, 2002**

VALLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation:

That the City Council consider three separate issues related to Valley Park:

1. A separate report is attached concerning the use of treated wood. This report has been prepared in response to your direction at the meeting of January 14, 2003.
2. A proposal from Jim & Karen Obradovich to donate seven trees to be located in Valley Park along the western boundary, Morningside. Please see attached letter.
3. A request from residents along a portion of the south boundary to move the trees away from the fence line so that the leaves from the trees do not fall in their yards.

Background:

1. The attached report details the information that staff and the design team have assembled for your use in making a decision regarding the use of the treated wood products.
2. The proposal from Jim & Karen Obradovich to donate the seven trees for the park. The overall park plan was reviewed and approved by the City Council after a comprehensive review of the park. The trees that have been proposed would seem to work well in the park and the area that they have proposed to plant them did not have a great number of trees. The additional trees, if approved, could be added and installed prior to the park re-opening.
3. Several residents that have homes adjacent to the southwest boundary of the park contacted staff. The new landscape plans included installation of trees along the park's southern boundary. The trees are planted about five feet from the fence line. The residents have requested that the trees be either replaced with other plant materials such as shrubs that would not grow too high or removal. If the City Council wishes to consider this request, staff would suggest that the large trees near these properties be relocated elsewhere in the park. A total of five trees are involved in this request. There will be a cost to make this change which, if approved, will be handled through a change order.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager