

City of
FRESNO REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9:30am B

COUNCIL MEETING 12/9/08

APPROVED BY

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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 39TH AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2008-162 TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

KEY RESULT AREA

One Fresno

Presented to City Council

Date

12/9/08

Disposition

Res. 08-389

adopted

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the 39th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2008-162 appropriating \$100,000 for the development of Citywide Community Gardens. Al Radka Park, Melody Park, Hinton Park, Lafayette Park, and Jensen and Cherry Avenues have been chosen to house PARCS first community gardens.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PARCS is planning to immediately develop Community Gardens at Al Radka Park and Melody Park.

The Melody Park Community Garden will be located in a former Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) storm water retention basin that is no longer needed by FMFCD and located adjacent to the Neighborhood Center. The 15,000 square foot garden (approx 150' long x 100' wide) will also include a Children's Garden. The Al Radka Park Community Garden is located south of the existing youth baseball fields and north of the parking lot. This area is approximately 1.5 acres.

Both gardens will be fenced and will be ADA compliant with accessible pathways. The plots will be available to the community through a lottery system. Gardeners that currently garden at the Belmont/DeWitt location will be guaranteed a plot at the site of their choice.

PARCS is also considering community gardens at Jensen and Cherry Avenue property, Lafayette Park, or Hinton Park.

PARCS estimates the cost per site to be between \$35,000 – 50,000 and requests approval to appropriate \$100,000 from previously unallocated Park Impact Fee revenue to fund as many sites as possible.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

Presented to City Council

Date

11/18/08

Disposition

For review, staff
to meet w/ interested
community

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Customer Satisfaction: A growing trend, community gardens are a valuable recreational activity where those in the community can come together to promote neighborhood pride, individual self-esteem and gain knowledge of healthy foods, and the diversity and richness of different food cultures. Gardens will transform lots into green, living spaces where residents share in the maintenance and rewards.

Employee Satisfaction: Staff will prepare the gardens for initial use; thereafter the gardeners will be responsible for maintenance of their respective lots before and after each harvest season, making maintenance minimal for staff. Children included in the gardening process become champions of the cause rather than vandals of the garden.

Financial Management: Existing parks or city owned property is being utilized thereby reducing the costs for community garden development by not needing to acquire, purchase land.

BACKGROUND

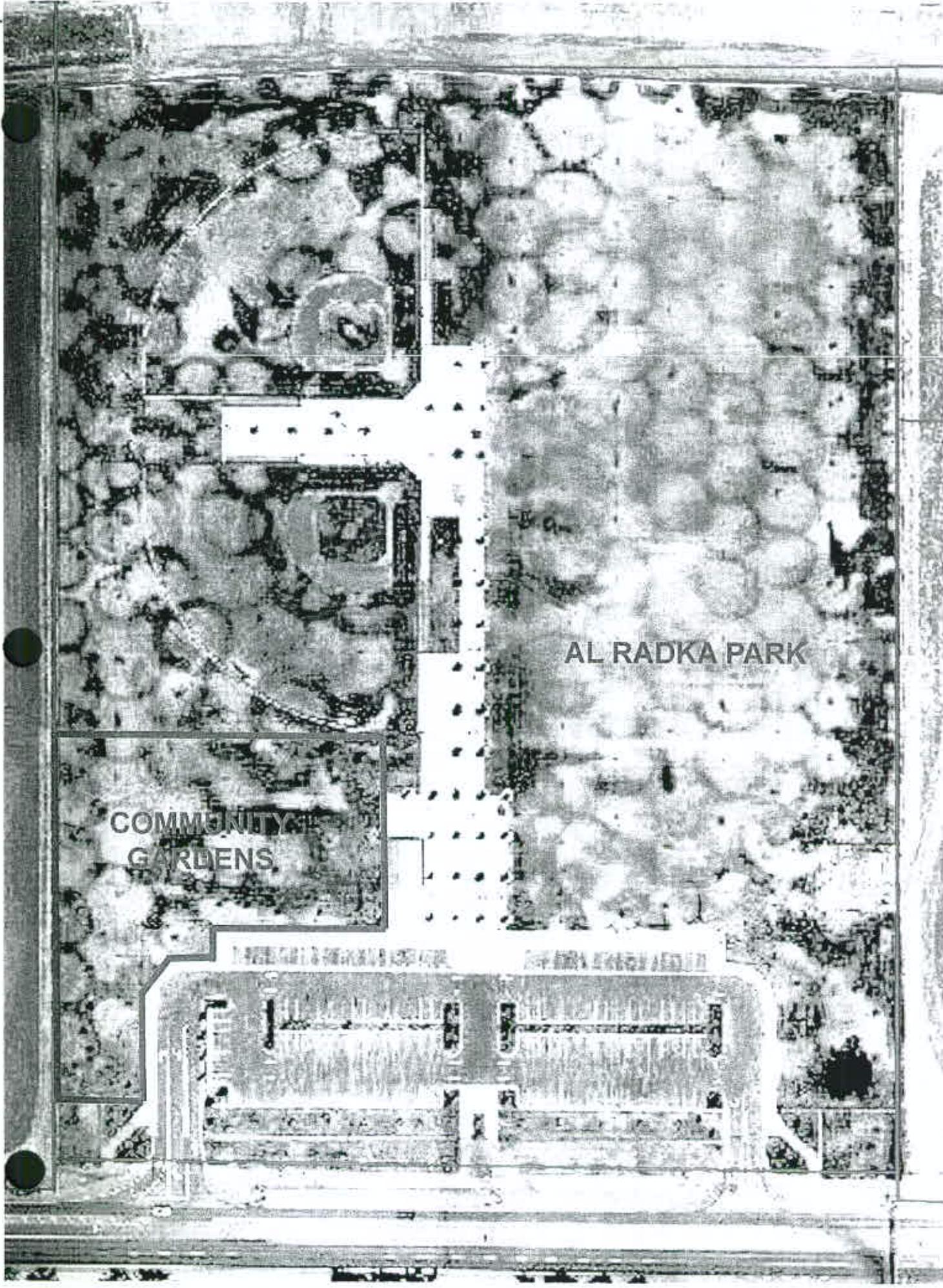
In December 2006, PARCS developed a Citywide plan to establish Community Gardens in Fresno. At that time, multiple sites were designated throughout the community based on their viability to support a garden. PARCS recognized that gardens are collaborative projects created by members of the community that makes a connection between generations and a place of social interaction. This valuable activity allows PARCS to positively promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles within the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for this project will be derived from previously unallocated Park Impact Fee revenue and have no impact to the General Fund.

The Al Radka Park site will utilize funds available in UGM Zone 2 and will have no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment AAR Amendment
 Aerial Maps of Proposed Locations



AL RADKA PARK

COMMUNITY
GARDENS

1. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LAND ACQUISITION ACT
2. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LAND ACQUISITION ACT



MELODY GARDENS

Children
Garden

Community Gardens
Adult



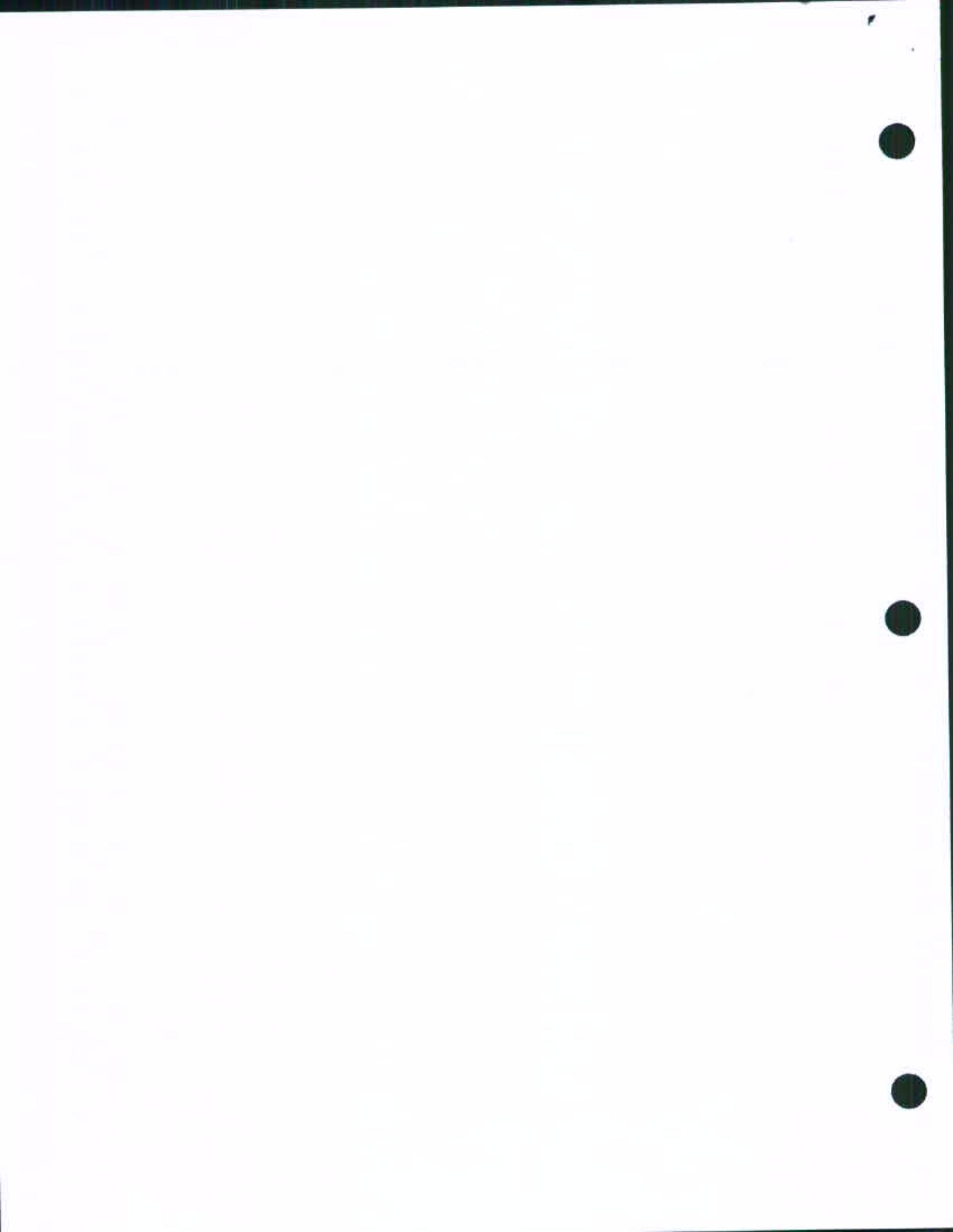
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E Shields Ave

Pointer 30°46'48.28"N 119°41'06.47"W elev 341 ft Streaming 100%

Eye alt 843 ft



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 39th AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2008-162 APPROPRIATING \$100,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO:

THAT PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2008-162 be and is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
TO: PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UGM Parks Citywide Facil Fees	\$ 100,000

THAT account titles and numbers requiring adjustment by this Resolution are as follows:

<u>UGM Parks Citywide Facil Fees</u>	
Retained Earnings:	
Account: 25300 Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ 100,000
Fund: 31509	
Org Unit: 179901	
Total Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Appropriations:	
Account: 51101 Permanent Salaries	\$ 15,000
57301 Improvements	83,000
59117 Overhead	<u>2,000</u>
Fund: 31509	
Org Unit: 179901	
Project ID: PC00074	
KRA: 0103011000	
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

