

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO IMPROVE CHEESE PARK (LA MOINE PARK)

WHEREAS, Cheese Park (La Moine Park) is the only community park in Richmond east of I-80 and serves more than fifteen thousand (12,000) residents; and

WHEREAS, the park’s current restroom facilities rely on temporary units that do not adequately meet community needs for sanitation, accessibility, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, access to safe drinking water at public parks is a basic public amenity that supports public health and encourages park use by children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, portions of the park’s play structure require restoration to ensure it is safe for children; and

WHEREAS, volunteer residents have already begun repainting improvements using their own funds and labor, and the City has an opportunity to complete this community-led effort; and

WHEREAS, residents have expressed safety concerns, including the need to better secure areas used by toddlers and young children, and have reported wildlife sightings in the surrounding area, including a mountain lion sighting; and

WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to maintain equitable, safe, and accessible public spaces and to support community stewardship through timely completion of needed improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond City Council:

1. Directs City staff to develop a scope of work for Cheese Park (La Moine Park) improvements that includes, at minimum:
 - a. Installation of permanent restroom facilities (real bathrooms) to replace reliance on temporary restrooms, including ADA accessibility;
 - b. Installation of a drinking water fountain (preferably including a bottle-filler);
 - c. Restoration of the play structure to ensure it is safe for children;
 - d. Completion of the park’s repainting and related finishing work, building on the volunteer-led effort already underway;
 - e. Design of a children’s bike garden, in collaboration with local nonprofit organizations such as Bike East Bay, to support safe bike riding skills and education (examples attached); and
 - f. Installation of safety fencing around the toddler play area, to help prevent young children from wandering and to address community safety concerns, including wildlife activity reported in the area.
2. Directs City staff to identify and recommend feasible funding sources for these improvements through the appropriate budget process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond recognizes and appreciates the volunteer residents who have contributed time and personal funds to improve Cheese Park (La Moine Park), and affirms the City’s commitment to completing and sustaining these community-serving improvements.

*****THE CLERK’S OFFICE WILL COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW*****

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on Mmmm dd, yyyy, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No.** _____, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on Mmmm dd, yyyy.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond