



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

February 27, 2024
Agenda Item No. 6

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2024-12: Establishing the Lower Castaways Park Ad Hoc Committee

ABSTRACT:

For the City Council's consideration is a resolution establishing the Lower Castaways Park Ad Hoc Committee and identifying Mayor Pro Tem Stapleton, Councilmember Robyn Grant, and Councilmember Noah Blom to serve on the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Creating the Lower Castaways Park Ad Hoc Committee.*

DISCUSSION:

At the February 3, 2024, City Council Planning Session, the City of Newport Beach's long-range planning capital master plans and significant projects within these plans were presented to the City Council. Lower Castaways Park is not identified in any plan for new improvements and/or recreational opportunities at this time. During its review, the City Council requested the creation of a committee to work with City staff in evaluating additional capital improvements, harbor and beach uses, and/or recreational opportunities for Lower Castaways Park.

If adopted, Resolution No. 2024-12 would establish the Lower Castaways Park Ad Hoc Committee and confirm the appointments of Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Robyn Grant, and Councilmember Noah Blom to serve on the committee. The committee would work with staff and make a recommendation to the entire City Council regarding use or redevelopment plans for Lower Castaway Park.

The Committee would terminate upon bringing its recommendation back to the full City Council or on December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2024-12