



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Access to the West Side of Lodi Lake Park Through the Beach Area

MEETING DATE: May 20, 1998

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation of allowing access through the Lodi Lake beach area from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, close access the remainder of the day, and report status of any problems monthly.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Council reviewed the request of Mr. Del Smith to access the beach and west side of Lodi Lake Park at the April 29 shirtsleeve session. Council directed the request be sent back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their recommendation.

At the May 5, 1998 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commission reviewed the request and recommended by a vote of 3-2 to allow access of the beach and west side from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on a daily basis. The beach and gates would be closed at 10:00 a.m. to allow for swim operations. The Commission felt it was in the park's best interest to keep the gates closed after completion of the swim operations at 6:00 p.m. to deter vandalism and unsupervised swimming. They also requested to review the status of any vandalism or problems on a monthly basis.

Commission further encouraged staff to move forward on pursuing funding sources for the development of the berm concept along Turner Road that was presented to Council at the shirtsleeve session by Parks Superintendent Dwight Dauber. This concept was very popular with the Commission and those citizens in attendance.

FUNDING: Cost is unknown at this time. Signs will need to be posted; a 50 foot section of chain link fence needs to be added; there will be additional maintenance for cleanup and vandalism repairs. Maintenance costs will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

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APPROVED: _____

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