



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve an amendment to the scope of work for the Blakely Park Playground Project to include the adjacent EnzelField Swim Complex (\$6,500)
MEETING DATE: March 2, 2005
PREPARED BY: Community Improvement Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the proposed amendment of the scope of work for the Blakely Park Playground Project to include the adjacent EnzelField Swim Complex.

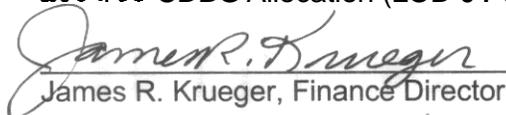
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Blakely Park Playground Project was approved by Council as part of the **2004/05** CDBG allocation process and the required funds were set aside for the complete replacement of the existing playground facilities at that location.

The Parks Superintendent has expressed a need to expand the scope of work for that CDBG-funded project to include some improvements at the adjacent EnzelField Swim Complex at Blakely Park. The pool facilities at that location satisfy the same requirements for eligibility that qualified the playground for funding -- public facilities improvements at a facility that predominantly serves the surrounding low-income, Target Area neighborhood.

The improvements at the swimming pool facility include a new alarm system that will help deter the incidents of after-hours trespassing and vandalism that has been a reoccurring problem. The installation of that system through Alamo Alarm will cost \$6500.

There is sufficient funding for the project at this time to incorporate the additional cost for the work at the swimming pool facility. This will actually allow for some expenditure of funds while the playground project is delayed pending the approval of the development of a Community Resource Center, which has been proposed at that site by the Community Partnership for Families at that site. The reduction in our balance of unused project funds is an on-going concern and effort on our part, in order to stay in compliance with Federal guidelines and regulations.

FUNDING: 2004/05 CDBG Allocation (LOD 04-01) Account No. 459182


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