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RE: BRIEFING ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING
PROCESS

PROJECT AREA: All

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Representatives of the Parks and Public Lands and Planning Divisions will brief the RDA Board on the planning process for new parks and open space.

ANALYSIS AND ISSUES: As part of the RDA Board's review of the project area strategic plans, several discussions occurred regarding the utilization of RDA-resources to fund or provide property for new parks and open space projects. In an effort to provide additional information to support further discussion of this issue, representatives of the Parks and Public Lands and Planning Divisions will provide a briefing on the process of planning for new parks and open space and what current planning initiatives are in progress.

The RDA is being briefed on this issue, because of its relation to the strategic planning process. Given that the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of parks and open space falls within the jurisdiction of the City, rather than the RDA, staff recommends that future discussion of this topic occur between the City Administration and the City Council.