



City of La Quinta

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: March 9, 2015

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF TOP OF THE COVE IMPROVEMENTS

BUSINESS SESSION: 3

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review Top of the Cove landscape plan (Attachment 1) and make a recommendation to City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Top of the Cove entrance at Calle Tecate and Avenida Madero does not look like a park facility.
- The proposed landscape improvements will provide an entry point for the Cove Oasis, Fred Wolff Nature Preserve, Bear Creek Trail, Boo Hoff Trail, and Cove to Lake Trail, while also providing a location for groups to meet and rest.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The engineers estimate (Attachment 2) for the project, as designed, is \$151,000. Quimby Funds are available for this project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

There are currently several open space facilities and trails that all come together at the corner of Calle Tecate and Avenida Madero. These facilities include:

The Bear Creek Trail (concrete) - constructed in 1991, it extends from Tampico to Tecate. The total length of the trail is 2.6 miles. Additionally, it is accessible from the Eisenhower sidewalk for guests at La Quinta Resort.

The Cove Oasis - constructed in 2001, this rest area is a trail head for the continuation of the natural Bear Creek Trail, Boo Hoff Trail, and Cove to Lake Trail.

The Fred Wolf Nature Preserve - first designated by City Council in 2006 for the 19 acres located between Calle Ensenada and Calle Chillon. In 2010, another 9 acres between Calle Chillon and Calle Tecate was added to the Nature Preserve.

Currently, the entrance at Calle Tecate and Avenida Madero has the appearance of serving utility operations. Improvements to the landscape, hardscape, and signage at this location will create a park appearance as well as provide a destination and gathering point for visitors of these open space facilities.

Hermann Design Group worked with City staff to create a preliminary design based on the site needs. This design was then shared with the Stewards of the Fred Wolff Nature Preserve, the La Quinta Cove Association, and the homeowners adjacent to the site. These groups and individuals provided the following feedback for consideration:

- Officially name the site the "Top of the Cove"
- Provide map stations for each trail entrance
- Consider drainage during heavy rain events
- Accent lights on the boulders to highlight the street corner
- Check the elevation for the relocation of the concrete trail
- Create a "Cove Loop" with the Bear Creek Trail and Bermudas sidewalk

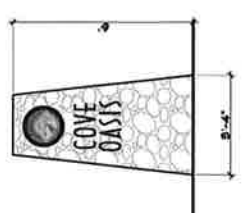
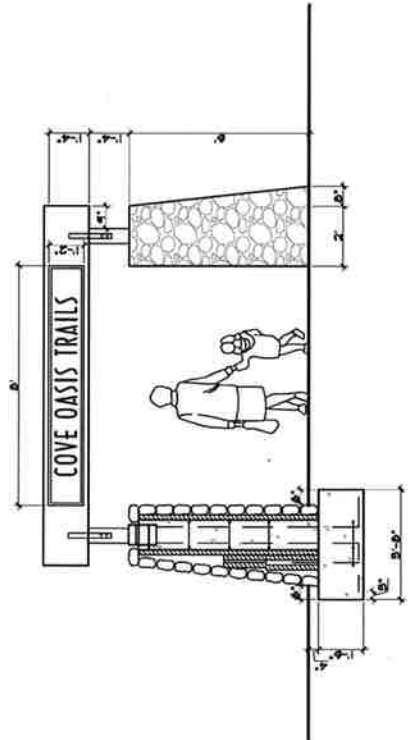
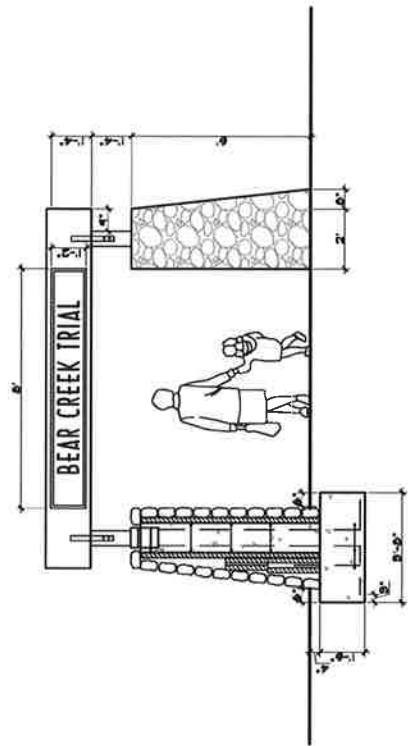
Staff is seeking recommendations from the Community Services Commission for the proposed design as well as a project recommendation to the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

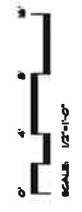
Eliminating the recommended option to relocate a section of the Bear Creek Trail will reduce the project cost by \$16,253.53.

Report prepared and approved for submission by: Steve Howlett, Golf, Parks, & Facilities Manager

- Attachments:
1. Landscape and Signage Plan
 2. Cost and Option




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COVE OASIS SIGNAGE
 LA QUINTA, CA

HERMANN DESIGN GROUP - PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

Cove Oasis Trailhead - Alt Bid Area
La Quinta, CA

Landscape Construction
Date Last Revised: 16-Feb-15
Prepared By CH

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	PRICE	EXTENSION
2				
DEMOLITION/REMOVAL				
Concrete Demolition	1,905	SF	\$ 2.50	\$ 4,762.50
Clearing and Grubbing	4,410	SF	\$ 0.10	\$ 441.00
DEMOLITION/REMOVAL TOTAL				\$ 5,203.50
 LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION				
Decomposed Granite 2" Thick	2,125	SF	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,125.00
Gate Relocation	2	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Concrete Sidewalk	170	LF	\$ 5.50	\$ 935.00
Bench with Back	2	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Interlocking Pavers	220	SF	\$ 8.50	\$ 1,870.00
LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION TOTAL				\$ 8,930.00
Subtotal				\$ 14,133.50
Contingency			15%	\$ 2,120.03
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 16,253.53

N.I.C.

- Water Meter and Backup Charges
- Landscape Maintenance Period
- Electrical Point of Connections