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Reviewed By: City Manager

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Public Works

DATE: March 25, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Ken Ortega, Public Works Director  
Public Works Department [Signature]

SUBJECT: **Old Oxnard High School (Campus Fields) Project Update**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council consider the Old Oxnard High School (Campus Fields) Project Update, and provide comments and direction to the Public Works Director on development of the subject site located at 250 South K Street.

**DISCUSSION**

Several years ago, the City of Oxnard acquired the subject parcel from the Oxnard Union High School District. Since that time, much has transpired relative to the use of the 33-acre parcel. The Police Activities League (PAL) uses the Bannister Gymnasium, administrative office space, and five adjacent vacant classrooms to program its youth activities. In addition, numerous non-profit organizations occupy various vacant classrooms and administrative office spaces. Most recently, the original campus electrical system surpassed the point of disrepair leaving all but two of the existing campus buildings with electrical power. The remaining vacated campus buildings have all been red-tagged and suffer from a variety of defects including, but not necessarily limited to; mold, termite infestation, wood rot, water and fire damage, lead and asbestos exposure, vermin infestation, and numerous structural deficiencies.

A contract was recently awarded to abate existing asbestos and lead site hazards, and an agreement is being negotiated to prepare bid documents for a variety of Bannister Gymnasium improvements. Next, a demolition plan needs to be prepared in order to clear, grub and scrape the site.

Staff recommends that alternative site (land-use) plans be prepared in coordination with the previously approved citywide Parks Master Plan. Staff will evaluate recreational opportunities, measure existing site conditions and land use constraints, review code compliance issues, and determine what park-specific improvements are needed to meet the growing demands on the City's park system. The subject master plan will be prepared in-house, and staff will return regularly to City Council with routine project updates.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item has no financial impact at this time.

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