



CITY COUNCIL  
Darryl Moore  
Councilmember District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 19, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: San Pablo Park Centennial Celebration

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refers the following to the budget process: A request for 20,000 for the centennial celebration of San Pablo Park, to be held in the Fall 2007.

BACKGROUND:

The land for San Pablo Park was purchased in 1907 for \$35,000, making it the City of Berkeley's oldest park. Throughout the early years, the park was steadily improved until it provided two baseball diamonds, two tennis courts, playgrounds, a field house and two handball courts. The park quickly won recognition as one of the best recreation fields in the Bay Area. During the 1930's, San Pablo Park gained recognition as being the home field for both the Oakland and Berkeley black baseball teams. At the time, Oakland would not permit blacks to play on that city's athletic fields. Today, San Pablo Park is one of the major parks in Berkeley, covering 12.95 acres. The park offers a wide range of recreational activities for all ages, from baseball and basketball to younger children's play areas.

The recreation center at San Pablo Park is named in honor of a longtime activist, Frances Albrier. She was trained as a social worker and nurse at Howard University and during World War II, she worked as the first black woman in the Kaiser shipyards. Her work at the shipyards marked a milestone to allow black men and women to weld and to be part of a non-segregated union. Frances Albrier Community Center was designed to reflect the desires of the community, and includes a unique feature of the 5100-square-foot, enclosed landscaped patio and covered walk forming the inner courtyard of the building.

The purpose of the celebration would be to pay tribute to San Pablo Park's rich 100-year history, its dedicated neighbors, advocates, children and everyone who has benefited

from the park throughout the years. The event would include family-oriented activities, food and tributes. Funds are also needed to make much-needed improvements to the park and center prior to the anniversary celebration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$20,000

CONTACT PERSON:

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Councilmember Darryl Moore, District Two

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