



CITY COUNCIL

**Darryl Moore**  
Councilmember District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR  
February 22, 2005

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Darryl Moore  
Mayor Tom Bates

SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing the Berkeley Rotary Club's Shorebird Park Centennial Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council approves a proclamation recognizing the Rotary Club of Berkeley for their great efforts in rejuvenating Berkeley's Shorebird Park.

BACKGROUND:

The Rotary Club is the world's first service club. Formed by Paul P. Harris on February 23, 1905, the Rotary Club was created to cultivate the spirit of friendship, fellowship and mutual assistance. With the motto of "Service Above Self," Rotary International has made tremendous contributions to the world community at large. This year the Rotary Club is celebrating a century of service. The Berkeley Rotary Club is commemorating Rotary International's centennial by restoring Berkeley's Shorebird Park.

Shorebird Park in the Berkeley Marina is frequented by the public, especially by local youth groups for picnics, barbeques, visits to the nearby Nature Center and the Bay. Shorebird Park attracts heavy usage with its numerous recreational activities and its great views. Coupled with a decreased city maintenance budget Shorebird Park has fallen into disrepair. Over the course of several weekends in October and November of 2004, more than 50 Berkeley Rotarians and 12 members of the UC Rotaract Club pitched in to demolish old picnic tables and recycle the wood, as well as assembling 18 new picnic tables. City crews assisted with the placement of new trashcans and hot ash containers. With new picnic tables, barbeques and other equipment, and replacement of worn asphalt walks and eating areas, Berkeley Rotary, working closely with the City, has generously provided more than \$70,000 as well as project management and the hands-on labor to get the job done. Shorebird Park is now a small gem in our City's park system, to be enjoyed for generations.

Local businesses helped to fund the Rotary work, which stands as a remarkable public/private partnership with the City. The City of Berkeley is pleased to accept the renovated Shorebird Park in commemoration of the Centennial of Rotary International, 1905-2005.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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**IN HONOR OF THE BERKELEY ROTARY CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** Rotary International was founded in 1905 by Paul P. Harris to promote the spirit of friendship, fellowship and mutual assistance and is celebrating its Centennial this year, committed to the mission of Service Above Self; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary International, the largest volunteer service organization in the world, now numbers over 1.2 million members in 166 countries around the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rotary Club of Berkeley, founded in 1916 and home of two Rotary International world Presidents, wishes to continue its decades of service to its community by commemorating the International Centennial; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rotary Club of Berkeley over the years has given to our community the Berkeley Art Center, the redwood Peace Grove in Tilden Park, major gifts to build the Downtown YMCA and Main Branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the renovation of School and City sites throughout Berkeley.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Berkeley hereby receives with great gratitude the rebuilding of Shorebird Park by the Rotary Club of Berkeley to celebrate the Centennial of Rotary International, to be used in perpetuity by youth groups and the public as a recreational and educational resource of immeasurable value.

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