



Acquisition of Encyclopedia Lots in Huntington Central Park West

APNs: 110-184-10 & 110-164-06

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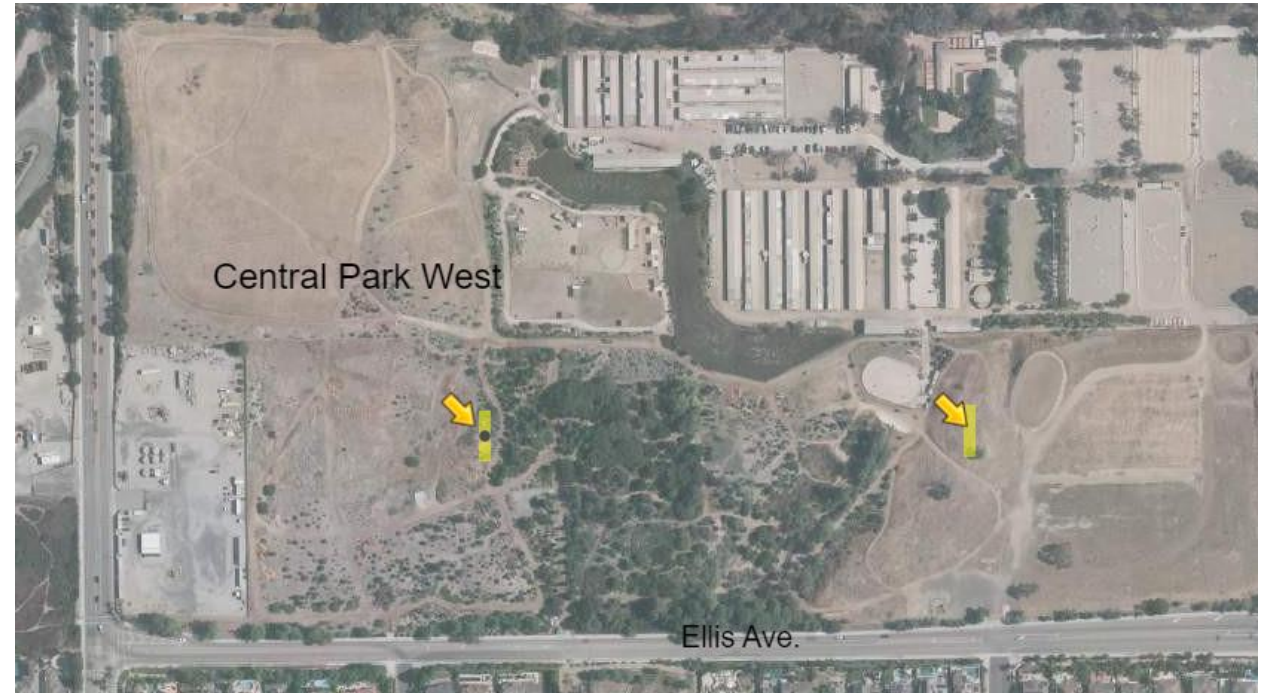
Background

- In the early 1900s, small parcels known as “encyclopedia lots’ were given as promotional items with encyclopedia purchases.
- Located on the north side of Ellis Avenue, between Edwards Street and Goldenwest Street, these lots are now part of Huntington Central Park West.
- Since the mid-1980s, the City has acquired all but 29 of the original 300 lots, furthering efforts to consolidate land for park use.



Current Donation Opportunity

- Charles B. Kimball has offered to donate two encyclopedia lots to the City.
- These lots will be consolidated into Huntington Central Park West, furthering the City's goal of unified park ownership.
- No fiscal impact, as the lots are donated, making this a cost-effective acquisition.



Recommendation

- Approve the agreement to accept the donation of APNs 110-184-10 and 110-164-06.
- Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement and finalize the property transfer.
- Upon approval, the City Attorney will prepare the necessary deed for transfer, and the City Clerk will complete the property recording.



Questions?

