

Agenda Report

DATE: May 6, 2002

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE MURRAY-HAYDEN GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ROBINSON PARK RECREATIONAL FACILITY PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Murray-Hayden grant program in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Robinson Park recreational facility project.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed and unanimously endorsed approval of the *Competitive Park Grant Application Plan*, authorizing staff to apply for the various grants, which included the above grant, at their special meeting held on January 16, 2002.

BACKGROUND

On January 28, 2002 at their regular meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the *Competitive Park Grant Application Plan*, authorizing staff to apply for the various grants. The Murray-Hayden grant was included in the Plan for Robinson Park recreational facility. Approximately 43 million dollars is available for a competitive program to provide grant funding for capital projects; including parks, environmental enhancement projects, and youth centers that are within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities in an area of significant poverty and unemployment. Eligible applicants for the competitive program are heavily urbanized counties (counties of 750,000 or more); heavily urbanized cities (cities of 200,000 or more), or cities within a heavily urbanized county; and non-profit organizations, eligible districts, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes within heavily urbanized counties or heavily urbanized cities. This program requires a 3/7 match of the project cost. The minimum grant is \$50,000 and the maximum is \$3,000,000 per project.

In order to complete the application process for these Proposition 12 funds, the City of Pasadena is required to complete and submit a resolution in support of the application for this project. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution for Robinson Park recreational facility for \$3,000,000 to replace the community center.

This project has been identified in the Robinson Park Master Plan that was approved by City Council on December 10, 2001. The total cost for implementation of the Robinson Park Master Plan is \$15,500,000. Staff is recommending this project because it will implement a portion of the Revised Robinson Park Master Plan by demolishing the existing, connected recreation and gymnasium buildings. If the grant application is successful, staff will proceed with a project that will replace the existing center with a new center and auditorium. The existing center no longer adequately serves the needs of the residents in the Neighborhood Service Area or the balance of Northwest Pasadena. The total estimate for this portion of the center's construction is \$4,285,714.


The project meets the City Council's objectives to address the City's physical, economical, social, and environmental concerns as well as strategies and policies for achieving them. Among these concerns are providing for the recreational and open space needs of its residents.

The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity. The City of Pasadena will use the Proposition 12 funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 towards the cost of Robinson Park new recreational facility. On-going maintenance costs are included in the Operating Budget under Park and Building Maintenance Programs.

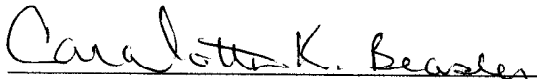
FISCAL IMPACT:

Award of the \$3,000,000 will assist in the development of Robinson Park in accordance with the Robinson Park Master Plan. Award of this grant carries the commitment for the City to allocate a 3/7 match of \$1,285,714. A potential source for the match is to fund it as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) from Residential Development Fees, and or General Fund, or other City Revenues if the City's application is successful.


Respectfully submitted,


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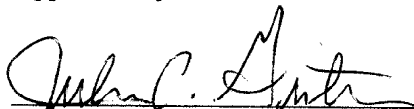
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