

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: October 19, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FROM THE PARK BOND ACT OF 1992 AND 1996 (PROPOSITION A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR ANNANDALE CANYON OPEN SPACE

TRAIL ACCESS AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funding Program from the Park Bond Act of 1992 and 1996 (Proposition A) in the amount of \$150,000 for the Annandale Canyon Open Space Trail Access and Trail Improvements Project.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At their regular meeting on October 6, 2009, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted to recommend the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funding from the Park Bond Act of 1992 and 1996 (Proposition A) in the amount of \$150,000 for the Annandale Canyon Open Space Trail Access and Trail Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

On February 9, 2009, the City Council approved the acquisition of approximately 21 acres of land known as the Annandale Canyon Estates for public open space and the design and construction of public access trails. The grant proposal would provide for the design and development of initial trails within this acquisition. Comments received from the public indicate support for the development of more trails.

This project would include trail construction and trailhead improvements, including vehicle parking area for trail access. The trail improvements within this proposal would be "Phase 1" improvements to provide the initial access to this open space. Trails would

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follow City standards for trail design and construction and include signage to provide accessibility information. If possible, connections to adjacent trails in other trail systems could be established. Trailhead improvements would consist of a small vehicle parking area and minor site improvements such as informational signs, and site amenities.

This project is consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by providing for more efficient development and greater utilization of public facilities. It is also consistent with the Land Use Element Policy 2.1 on Neighborhood Parks by enhancing parks in residential areas.

A total of \$1,398,180 is available for grants this year to cities within the Fifth District through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. This portion of Proposition A Excess Funds is available on a competitive basis. The City of Pasadena can apply for up to \$150,000. Proposals are being accepted until October 29, 2009.

Funds may be used for acquisition, development and/or improvement of real property for trails or public access. Priority will be given to public trail projects in cities that provide linkages to regional facilities and/or existing or planned regional trails. Priority will also be given to agencies that can demonstrate success in completing similar projects in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE:

This project supports the Urban Environmental Accord action item 8 regarding coordination with open space systems for recreation and item 10 regarding increasing public access within ½ kilometer of all residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Award of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funding would bring the City of Pasadena \$150,000 to complete Phase 1 of the Annandale Canyon Open Space Trail Access and Trail Improvements Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Manager

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Martin Pastucha, Director Department of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO.____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT THE ANNANDALE CANYON OPEN SPACE TRAIL
ACCESS AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection ("the Propositions"), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District ("the District") to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require an the City of Pasadena to certify, by Resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances with which the City of Pasadena must comply and;

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the project entitled Annandale Canyon Open Space Trail Access and Trail Improvements Project; and
- 2. Certifies that the City of Pasadena understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
- 3. Certifies that the City of Pasadena has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
- 4. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment

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