

Agenda Report

July 28, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR CITIES EXCESS FUNDING FROM THE PARK BOND ACT OF 1992 AND 1996 (PROPOSITION A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District funding from the Park Bond Act of 1992 and 1996 (Proposition A) in the amount of \$500,000 for the John Muir High School South Field Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

On March 22, 2013, the City of Pasadena submitted a letter to Los Angeles County requesting \$500,000 in Proposition 'A' Cities Excess grant funding for the John Muir High School South Sports Field (Muir South) Improvements Project (Attachment A). These funds would provide the remainder financial assistance necessary to complete the Muir South project.

Recently, Los Angeles County staff informed the City they are preparing the Board of Supervisors letter for this grant application and have instructed the City to submit an application packet and resolution (Attachment B).

The proposed project consists of reconfiguration and enhancements to an existing south sports field at John Muir High School in Pasadena. The project consists of relocating an existing softball field and utilizing the increased space to accommodate a full-size soccer

field. The collaborative project between the City and Pasadena Unified School District would provide enhancements and benefits to the community: John Muir High School would gain improved facilities for school sports programs and the City would gain full-size soccer and softball fields for evening and weekend community use. Field improvements will include new sports lighting for evening use, and new restroom building for community use during non-school hours. New perimeter fence will be installed as required for both softball and soccer use. Site amenities will include new dugout and player seating areas; spectator bleachers; site furnishings such as trash receptacles and drinking fountain; and landscape improvements such as additional shade trees and other plantings. Parking will be accommodated in an existing John Muir High School parking lot adjacent to the project site (Attachment C).

The proposed John Muir High School South Sports Field Improvements project will cost \$1.5 million. Project funding consists of \$1 million from the State of California, and \$500,000 from Residential Impact Fees (RIF). As part of the Adopted Capital Improvement Program budgets for FY 2015-2019, City Council has already appropriated the aforementioned RIF for this project. Originally, the State of California's funding was earmarked for the Hahamongna Sycamore Multi-Purpose Field project. In June 2014, the City of Pasadena was granted authorization to relocate this sports field improvement project to Pasadena John Muir High School. Also in June 2014, the City and Pasadena Unified School District executed a City/District Joint Use Agreement for the construction and use of John Muir High School South Sports Field.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Cities Excess Funds Program is consistent with the City Council's strategic goals to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, and support and promote the quality of life.

The John Muir High School South Sports Field Improvements project is consistent with the Green Space, Recreation and Park Element Object 9 by promoting the shared use of public and private recreational land and facilities for community recreational uses, and/or as neighborhood recreation centers or community centers of focus. It is also consistent with Policy 9.2 by enhancing school district facilities to benefit students and the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is an application for funding and not the construction of any particular project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has the potential to receive up to \$500,000 for these capital improvements under the Cities Excess Funds Program. If the grant is awarded, the Department of Public Works will return to City Council to appropriate the funds to the appropriate capital budget accounts. Any funding received from this grant opportunity will replace RIF funds previously appropriated to this project.

Respectfully submitted,



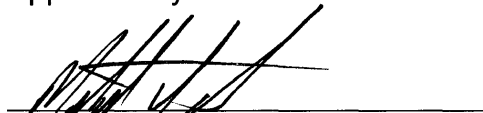
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Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

Attachment A – Funding Request for Muir High School South Sports Field Improvement Project

Attachment B – Muir High School South Sports Field Concept Map

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 CITIES EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE MUIR
HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND
APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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 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 certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

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

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

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

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above 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. Certifies that the City of Pasadena will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
6. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena held on the _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

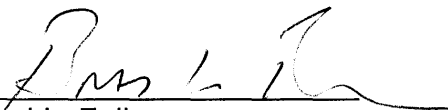
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brad L. Fuller
Assistant City Attorney