

Agenda Report

DATE: October 22, 2001

TO: CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS (RZH) URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM OF THE PARK BOND ACT OF 2000 (PROPOSITION 12) FOR \$250,000 FOR REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN ROBINSON PARK.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Grant Program of the Park Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) for \$250,000 for rehabilitation and development of a new recreational facility in Robinson Park.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At their regular meeting on October 2, 2001, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the City of Pasadena's application to the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Grant Program and recommended the City Council take similar action.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Urban Open Space and Recreation Grant Program for rehabilitation and development projects. The RZH grant program is intended to meet the urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local park and recreational facilities and for

increased recreational opportunities that provide positive alternatives to social problems. As a means of addressing these critical neighborhood park needs, the Bond Act provides \$3,779,000 in funds to implement the RZH program in urbanized areas. The funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a maximum of \$250,000 allocated to any individual project or agency.

These RZH grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to cities with populations less than 300,000 located in urbanized areas. The procedural guidelines for the program states that these grants are intended to fund projects that "...satisfy the most urgent park and recreation needs, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and most economically disadvantaged areas within each jurisdiction." After reviewing all existing projects to determine eligibility, staff recommended this Robinson Park project based on the high population density and economic status of the residents Northwest Pasadena. The proposed revision of the Master Plan for Robinson Park is almost complete. This plan calls for a new recreation center, swimming pool, gymnasium, parking lot and other features. The Robinson Park Master Plan will soon be presented to the City Council for adoption. At that time, the project will be included as a new project in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. If awarded, the requested grant will fund a portion of the construction cost for the recreation center. The grant requires a local match of 30 percent or \$75,000.

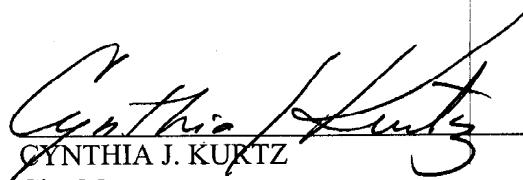
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY IMPACT:

Award of this grant would help the City address its goal of safe public parks, open spaces, playgrounds and a range of recreational opportunities that meet the needs of diverse persons of all ages. Recreation programs provide children, youth, adults, and seniors with constructive and enriching alternatives for leisure time activities.

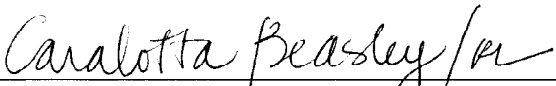
FISCAL IMPACT:

Award of this application grant would bring the City of Pasadena \$250,000 for partial development of Robinson Park. Pasadena's 30 percent match of \$75,000 would need to be identified, if the City's application is successful.

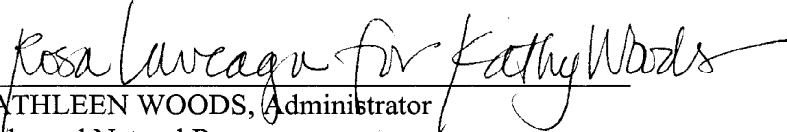
Respectfully submitted,


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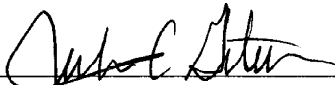
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