

Agenda Report

- DATE: April 1, 2002

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FOR EXCESS FUNDING FROM THE PARK BOND ACT OF 1996 (PROPOSITION A) FOR \$175,000 FOR THE HAMILTON PARK SPORTS FIELD PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application and adopt a resolution to the County of Los Angeles Regional Parks and Open Space District Grant Program for Excess funding from the Park Bond Act of 1996 (Proposition A) for \$175,000 for the Hamilton Park Sports Field Project.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed and unanimously endorsed the above recommendations at their special meeting held on March 27, 2002.

BACKGROUND

Hamilton Park is a 6.4-acre neighborhood park built in the early 1950's. It is located on a water reservoir. The recreation facilities were designed for moderate use levels that have continually increased over the years. The Hamilton Park Sports Field Project is in the Fiscal Year 2002-2006 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The project will replace the existing drainage system and turf. The sports field does not drain adequately because of the thin cover of soil over the water reservoir. The poor drainage causes salts to build up in the soil, which severely damages the turf.

A total of \$1,817,107 in excess funding from the Park Bond Act of 1996 (Proposition A) is available for grants this year to cities within the Fifth District through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The City of Pasadena is authorized to apply for up to \$175,000 of these available funds. Proposals are being accepted until April 8, 2002 for projects that can provide matching funds for recreation facility capital outlay projects and acquisitions, including easements and/or leases as well as for park and open space purposes. Projects that create soccer fields, create or extend trails, or increase public open space will be favored. Projects with substantial matching funds will be favored.

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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. The City understands the assurances and certification in the application form.

The City has the necessary funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity. The total cost of the project is \$520,000. This includes turf installation and the installation of a drainage system to drain the water away from the reservoir. Turf replacement has been budgeted as part of the ongoing maintenance for parks through the Turf Enhancement Program. Included in the amended fiscal year 2002 budget is \$345,000 for the turf program at Hamilton Park. This provided partial funding for the turf replacement and for the completion of the turf installation. However, the total project cost includes modifications to the drainage system, which is presently unfunded. The award of this grant would bring the City of Pasadena \$175,000, which will fund the remaining unfunded portion of this project. Ongoing maintenance costs are included in the Operating Budget under Park Maintenance Program.

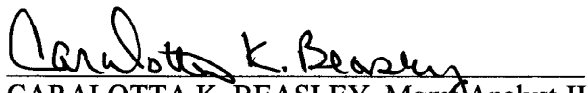
FISCAL IMPACT:

Award of this application grant would bring the City of Pasadena \$175,000, which will allow for the Turf Enhancements at Hamilton Park project to be fully funded. The remaining funds in the amount of \$345,000 are available in the Public Works Operating Budget for turf enhancement program.

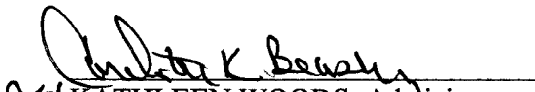
Respectfully submitted,


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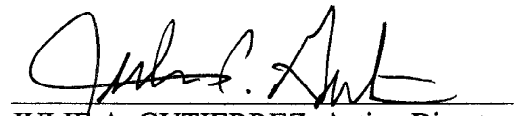
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