

Agenda Report

February 22, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Public Works Department
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR \$5 MILLION FOR ROBINSON PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FROM THE PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM OF 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 for the Robinson Park Phase II Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Robinson Park Phase II Improvements consist of renovating the northern portion of the park, including replacing the existing community center and gymnasium, and reconfiguring the adjacent site amenities such as the swimming pool and parking lot.

The subject of this grant application would be the replacement of the gymnasium structure. The existing gym is aging and does not meet the needs of the community. A replacement gym would provide new facilities including an improved multi-purpose gym, weight room, new restroom/locker rooms, and additional staff offices.

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84. The \$5.4 billion "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" (Proposition 84) is located in the Public Resources Code §§75001 through 75090. Funding for the \$368 million grant program is part of the Sustainable Community and Climate Change Reduction chapter in Proposition 84 (Public Resources Code Division 43, Chapter 9, §75065 (b) (1-5)). The legislation regarding this grant program is located in Public Resources Code §§5640 through 5653.

The \$368 million dollars is available for a competitive program to provide grant funding for the creation of new parks and new recreational opportunities near the most critically underserved neighborhoods. Projects must benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens, and other group populations through meeting their cultural, educational, environmental, recreational, and social needs. The grant requires no matching funds. The minimum grant award is \$100,000 per project. The maximum grant award is \$5 million per project. The application deadline is March 1, 2010.

Of the Parks and Landscape projects identified in the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvements Program, the gymnasium replacement at Robinson Park best meets the criteria set forth by the State for these funds. Robinson Park is located in an economically challenged area, the project would “substantially improve existing park space”, and plans for the project are the result of a community-led effort.

In order to complete the application process for these 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 the Robinson Park Phase II Improvements project for \$5 million.

The City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide. This project has been identified in the Robinson Park Master Plan that was approved by City Council on December 10, 2001. Finally, 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 grant funds in the amount of \$5 million towards the cost of the Robinson Park Phase II Improvements Project. On-going maintenance costs are included in the Operating Budget under Park Maintenance Program.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council Three Year Goal to Improve, Maintain, and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure.

The project also supports the following Council Policies:

- General Plan Cultural and Recreational Element Goal 1.0, “Provision of a wide range of recreational facilities and services as a means of improving the quality of life for ail Pasadena residents”, and
- Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element Objective 13, “Develop recreation programming to promote community and families”.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining funding from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, it will receive \$5,000,000 to assist in the development of Robinson Park in accordance with the Robinson Park Master Plan. The grant requires no matching funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



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Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE
APPLICATION TO THE STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS
FOR THE ROBINSON PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

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

Approves the filing of an application for the Robinson Park Phase II Improvements Project, and

1. Certifies that the City has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the Project; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project, and
3. Certifies that the City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the City Manager or Director of Public Works to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and

5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

AYES:

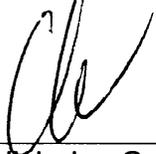
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 2/5/16

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