

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Improvement of Mountain Place

February 8, 1999

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND:

In late 1997, the Public Works and Transportation Department received a petition from several residents requesting that the City make Mountain Place a City street for the purpose of providing needed maintenance and repair. As a result of that petition, staff conducted an investigation into the process and cost of converting Mountain Place to a City street.

In order for the City to accept Mountain Place, it would be necessary that easements be granted to the City from all 16 property owners and certain improvements be made. The cost to prepare and process environmental and easement documents and to construct the improvements was estimated at approximately \$240,000.

Meetings have been held with the property owners explaining the process and costs involved. At the last meeting held on December 16, 1998, the property owners decided to forgo their prior request to have Mountain Place become a public street. At that meeting, the residents favored seeking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds that would be used to make the needed improvements to Mountain Place. The neighborhood association would explore the option of becoming an independent non-profit organization to apply for the CDBG Funds themselves or through an existing qualified organization.

To this end, staff approached two local non-profit community organizations, El Centro de Accion Social and the Coalition for a Non-violent City (the "Coalition"). Recently, a response was received from the Coalition expressing its intent to assist Mountain Place residents with this

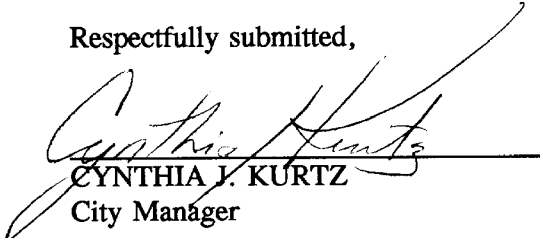
endeavor. The Board of Directors of the Coalition will formally consider this request on February 9th. At such time, if a favorable decision is made, the Board will adopt a resolution to that effect. In anticipation of a positive result, however, representatives of the neighborhood group met with the Coalition and City staff to obtain technical information to proceed with preparation of the CDBG application. The deadline for submittal of this application is February 16, 1999.

As a last resort, the residents could seek no-interest loans from the City for the improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:


The fiscal impact of this project would be the staff costs associated with assisting the residents to obtain funding for this project.

Respectfully submitted,



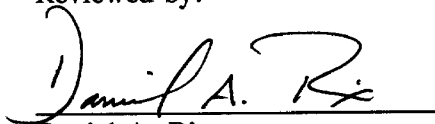
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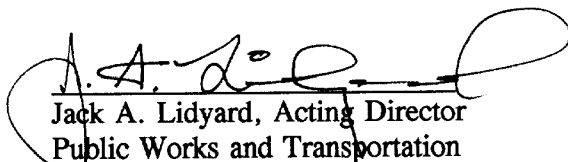
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