

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: May 11, 1998

FROM: ACTING CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF "AT RISK" YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE 1992 AND 1996 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE PARK BOND ACT ALLOCATION TO COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the "At Risk" Youth Employment Plan as presented in this report (please see attachment A) to comply with the current requirements established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for utilization of capital and maintenance funds available to the City of Pasadena via the 1992 and 1996 Safe Park Bond Acts.

BACKGROUND:

On June 26, 1997, the County Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Director of the Regional Park and Open Space District of the County of Los Angeles passed a "Youth-at-Risk" Employment Policy requiring each agency receiving funds from these two bond measures for site development and maintenance programs to appropriate an amount equal to 10% of eligible project funds or 50% of their maintenance and servicing allotment on the employment of at-risk youth associated with programs, services or facilities improved by Prop A funds. This requirement is retroactive to all projects not closed by August 20, 1997 and must be used to fund EXPANDED OR NEW employment programs such as the hiring of "at risk youth" City-Wide after August 20, 1997 for After School recreation programs for this targeted group.

The County is offering three options to satisfy the At-Risk Youth requirement: 1) To spend 10% of the City's total 1992 and 1996 Park bond allocation of \$9,459,650 or \$945,965 on youth employment; 2) To spend 50% of the total \$2,970,109 of Maintenance and Servicing funds or \$1,485,005 on youth employment; or 3) To offer employment opportunities for new or expanded recreational programming city-wide. To date the City has \$11,237 of youth employment credit from \$112,370 of completed projects prior to the August 20, 1997 cut-off date established by the Board of Supervisors and \$100,000 of credit for new and expanded recreation programming city wide. These credits reduce the City of Pasadena's obligation to \$835,728 which can be met in under ten years if the Council continues to allocate funds at least at the current annual appropriation level for school recreation leadership.

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The City's At-Risk Youth Employment Plan must include:

- a) The tasks or elements of work to be performed by at-risk youth from the community in which the project is being performed;
- b) An estimate of the amount of project funds to be spent on employment of youth;
- c) The method or methods by which youth will be recruited and employed and;
- d) An explanation of how the grantee will meet its Youth Employment Minimum Obligation through employment of at-risk youth in either District funded park improvements projects, District funded maintenance, any combination of the two, or new and expanded recreation programs City-Wide.

Upon adoption of the Plan by the City Council and subsequent approval by the County Board of Directors of the Open Space District, the City will be able to complete current projects in progress and initiate approved projects as approved by the City Council. Listed below are the projects impacted by these funds.

	Project/Funding Year	Amount
1	Lower Arroyo Park (Specified 1992)	\$1,470,000
2	Hahamongna Watershed Park (Specified 1992)	\$1,860,000
3	Hahamongna Watershed Park (Specified 1996)	\$1,000,000
4	(Various Per Parcel 1992) Completed by 12/ 31/1998	\$1,086,712
5	Fannie Morrison Renovation (Specified 1996 and per Parcel 1992)	\$930,000
6	Sr. Center Fence (Per Parcel 1996)	\$30,000
7	Additional ADA Improvements (1996)	\$51,000
8	Washington Park Ball Field Renovation (1996)	\$176,000
9	La Pintoresca Park Playground Project (1996)	\$32,000
10	Jefferson Park fence and Tot Lot Project (1996)	\$62,825
11	McDonald Park Basketball Resurface Project (1996)	\$15,537
12	San Rafael Playground Improvements (1996)	\$14,000
13	Washington School Field Lighting (1996)	\$89,000
	TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$6,817,074

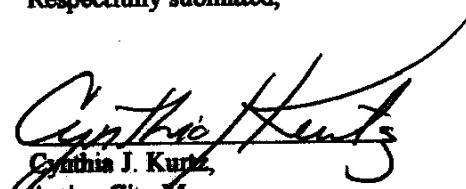
A revised time line will be developed to implement the previously adopted FY 1998 Capital Improvement Projects in Hahamongna Watershed Park a) Renovation of Three Existing Restrooms, b) Removal of Asphalt from Existing Trails, c) Renovation of the Existing Sports Field, d) Upgrade Picnic Facilities, and e) Enhance Existing Nursery Facilities. This new time line has been discussed with both the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee. Based upon the adoption of the Arroyo Environmental Impact Report by the City Council, staff will be able to implement the recommended Capital Improvement Projects identified in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan and the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan

Upon approval of the Youth Employment Plan, by the County Board of Supervisors, the City will be entitled to an annual maintenance and servicing allocation of \$159,079 based upon completed projects which will total to \$2,970,109 over the twenty-two (22) year life of the two grants.

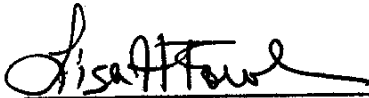
FISCAL IMPACT:

The approval of this plan will provide the City with approximately \$6,817,074 of capital improvement funds and \$2,970,110 of annual maintenance funds for the term of the Bond Measures. The receipt of these funds is contingent upon the City Council agreeing to commit to at least the current annual appropriation level for after school recreational programming over the next nine and one half years.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments

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