

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JEN SANTOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN OUTDOOR
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FACILITIES GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF A PLACE TO PLAY COMMUNITY PARK

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Recreation and Parks Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the submittal of an application to the Natural Resources Agency of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant for the improvement of A Place to Play Community Park in the amount of \$500,000 and further authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to act as the designated position to submit the application, execute a grant agreement and any amendments, subject to approval as to from by City Attorney, and administer the grant, and to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in revenue and expenditures by the approved grant award.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The approved resolution will authorize the Recreation and Parks Department to apply for an Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant to fund recreational improvements at A Place to Play Community Park. This item relates to Council Goal 4, "Maintain and Enhance Our City's Historical, Cultural and Recreational Assets" by providing for recreational improvements at A Place to Play Community Park.

BACKGROUND

1. The City Council adopted the Concept Plan for A Place to Play Park which depicts the main components of the Master Plan, including a viewing area for the pond.
2. On November 13, 1997, the Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the Planning Commission.
3. In 2002 voters passed the "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act" (Proposition 40). The State of California Parks and Recreation Department has indicated that Prop 40 funds are available for the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

ANALYSIS

1. The Matching Grant Program is a competitive process and all eligible applications are evaluated using the following criteria: demographics, community challenges and project benefits, community involvement, availability, organizational capacity, water conservation measures, and matching funds.
2. Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities reimbursable project expenses include, but are not limited to, construction and construction management.
3. Grant Program match is not required, but doing so provides a higher score in the application review process. All non-construction costs, such as design, are considered eligible matching costs.
4. Staff estimate the costs to design the project at \$150,000. These funds will be considered as the City's match and are derived from Zone 1 - Park Development Fees.
5. Staff estimate the construction costs at \$500,000, and will prepare the grant application from the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant for this amount.
6. The total estimated project cost of both design and construction is estimated at \$650,000.

7. The Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant requires the Council authorize, by resolution, the application for funds and appoint an agent to conduct all negotiations and execute all documents necessary to complete the project
8. The City of Santa Rosa meets the minimum eligibility requirements to apply under the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant.
9. A Place to Play adopted Park Master Plan, includes an Activity Building and Deck along with a path and a wildlife observation area on the east side of the pond, shade shelter, educational kiosks and similar outdoor educational facilities. All improvements will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
10. Successful Program applicants will enter into the California Standard Agreement for distribution of funds. Program grant funds must be spent within seven years of the date of the fully executed Standard Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The grant match is available from Zone 1, Northwest Park Development Fees. Maximum grant award is \$500,000; final award amount is determined by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. Approval of this resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate any awarded grant funds to the A Place to Play Park project #09578.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on November 13, 1997, the Planning Commission adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the A Place to Play Master Plan. Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines identifies the threshold for requiring an update or addendum to an adopted CEQA document. There are no substantial changes in the A Place to Play Master Plan, no substantial changes in circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance. No additional environmental review is necessary.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - A Place to Play Park Master Plan
- Resolution

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