



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 19, 2005

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK RESTORATION PROJECT**

**DATE: APRIL 7, 2005**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**PRESENTATION BY: ROBERT STAPLES, FAIRVIEW PARK PLAN ADMINISTRATOR**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve, by way of resolution (Attachment 1), the filing of a grant application with the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program for improvements at Fairview Park.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Fairview Park Master Plan (Attachment 2) was originally approved in March of 1998 and has been revised in February 2001, and again in November 2002. Proposed improvements for Planning Area D of the plan (Attachment 3) include a series of pedestrian trails, wildlife viewing areas, and an interpretive area.

Grant applications for the State of California's LWCF grant program are due May 2, 2005. This program funds the acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. The Public Services Department proposes to submit a grant application for the development of Area D in the amount of \$225,000.

## **ANALYSIS**

The federal LWCF provides the State of California with matching funds for public outdoor recreation purposes. Projects funded with these dollars must be maintained in perpetuity for recreational activities. Grant funds are reimbursable and must be matched 1 to 1. The proposed project will develop approximately one mile of decomposed granite pedestrian trails; construct two wildlife-viewing areas, an interpretive center, bluff access, benches, and signage. All of these improvements have been approved as a part of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

To apply for these grant funds, a resolution approving the filing of an application and naming the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative is needed. Grant awards will be announced in October 2005. Projects may begin design and construction in December 2005.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

If the Council chooses not to submit a grant application for this project, staff will continue to pursue other grant programs and alternative funding.

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

The total project cost is estimated at \$450,000. Grant funding in the amount of \$225,000 is proposed. If the grant application is successful, the City's "match" funding will be proposed for consideration in a future fiscal year budget as appropriate.

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

The proposed resolution is approved as to form.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the filing of a grant application with the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program for improvements at Fairview Park.

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Attachments: 1- [Proposed Resolution](#)  
2- [Fairview Park Master Plan](#)  
3- [Planning Area Map for Fairview Park](#)

c: City Manager  
City Attorney  
Deputy City Clerk

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4:00 p.m.