



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA RIVERS PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50) FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN HABITAT PROJECT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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 Resources Agency for Phase 1 and 2 of the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project in the amount of \$2,100,000.

BACKGROUND

The Fairview Park Master Plan (Attachment 2) was originally approved by City Council in March of 1998 and has been revised in February 2001, and again in November 2002. As part of the approved Master Plan, proposed improvements to the park include the creation of a wetlands and riparian area, approximately 25 acres in size at the north end of the park.

Grant applications for the State of California's Resources Agency River Parkways grant program are due October 17, 2006.

ANALYSIS

The River Parkways Grant Program provides grants to local governments for the acquisition, development, and enhancement of wetlands and riparian habitats. Projects funded with these dollars must be maintained in perpetuity for recreational activities. Grant funds are reimbursable and there is no match required. The proposed three-phase project includes the construction of a water delivery system, the creation of wetland ponds, riparian habitat, nature trails, a picnic area, benches, and signage. All of these improvements have been previously approved as a part of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

The City awarded a contract to the firm of Moffatt and Nichol in the amount of \$489,895 for the design of the wetlands and riparian habitat project. The plans and specifications are 60 percent complete and have been submitted to City departments and other regulatory agencies for review. The plans are scheduled for completion in January 2007.

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 June 2007. Projects may begin design and construction in July 2007.

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

No dollar match is required to apply for the River Parkways grant. The total project cost for Phase 1 and 2 is estimated at \$3,900,000. Grant funding, if approved, would pay for \$2,100,000. The remainder would come from Army Corps of Engineers funding of \$1,000,000, as well as previously approved and awarded Recreational Trails Grant of \$320,000. The final \$500,000 would need to be budgeted by the City in the fiscal year 2007-08 City Park Development Fund-Fairview Park Improvements.

LEGAL REVIEW

The proposed resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Council approve the filing of a grant application with the California Resources Agency River Parkways Grant Program, in the amount of \$2,100,000 for the construction of a portion of the wetlands and riparian habitat at Fairview Park.

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Attachments: 1- [Proposed Resolution](#)
2- [Fairview Park Master Plan](#)

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