



COUNCIL AGENDA: 01/29/19

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ITEM: 5.2

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jon Cicirelli

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 15, 2019

Approved

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1/17/19

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 3 & 10

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA FOR THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM GRANT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$1,671,250

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with County of Santa Clara for the All-Inclusive Playground Program Grant for an amount of \$1,671,250 for the following projects:

1. Almaden Lake Park for \$671,250; and
2. Rotary Playgarden for \$1,000,000.

OUTCOME

The All-Inclusive Playground Program Grant will provide funding to develop all-inclusive playgrounds at Almaden Lake Park and Rotary Playgarden.

BACKGROUND

In the spring of 2017, Santa Clara County introduced a grant program to build all-inclusive playgrounds in each of the County's five Supervisorial Districts, which set aside \$10 million in funding for playgrounds that are accessible for children and parents with disabilities.

On June 20, 2017, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) provided a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council with a preliminary list of proposed grant eligible projects. As part of this Council action, the Mayor and City Council supported pursuing a large

grant for the construction of a playground at Emma Prusch Farm Park. The Mayor and City Council also encouraged staff to apply for grants throughout all County Supervisorial Districts, given the large ratio of County residents within the City of San José.

ANALYSIS

The City of San José is one of the few cities in Santa Clara County that has an all-inclusive playground park. Since its opening, Rotary Playgarden has had over 150,000 attendees per year, and many parents drive miles to experience the park with their families. Because it is the only all-inclusive park in the immediate area, the Playgarden gets crowded at peak times.

In October 2017, PRNS submitted nine applications for various parks throughout the City. In the spring of 2018, the County of Santa Clara implemented the first All-Inclusive Playgrounds Grant Program and the City was awarded \$2 million for improvements at Emma Prusch Farm Park and \$1 million for Lincoln Glen Park improvements. The Lincoln Glen Park project is in the design phase, and PRNS is currently in the contract coordination process for Emma Prusch Farm Park.

On September 11, 2018, the County of Santa Clara notified staff that there would be a second all-inclusive playground grant opportunity with \$2 million allocated to each of the five Supervisorial Districts. The only change from the first round was the duration of the application period, which was shortened to five weeks.

Given the short time frame for the grant application period, the County informed the City that it could resubmit any of the seven grant applications for the sites that were not awarded from the first round. PRNS staff reviewed all seven of the applications and decided to update and resubmit the applications for Almaden Lake Park, Butcher Park and Rotary Playgarden based on the County's feedback from round one.

On December 18, 2018, the County announced that it had awarded grants for Almaden Lake and Rotary Playgarden.

Below are the awarded grant amount, match requirement, and the total cost of each project.

Park Site	Council District	Awarded Grant Funding	Required Matching (\$ for \$)	Total Project Cost
Almaden Lake Park	10	\$671,250	\$671,250	\$1,342,500
Rotary Playgarden	3	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

PRNS will return to City Council through the budget process to recognize the final grant amount and recommend budgetary actions.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City Council's Agenda website prior to the January 29, 2019 City Council meeting.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Budget Office and the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed action is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy Economic Recovery section in that it will spur construction spending in our local economy.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The City will need to front the total cost of each project, and will be reimbursed once the project is complete. Funding will be sourced from the Park Trust Fund, Conveyance and Construction Tax Fund and the Infrastructure Backlog Reserve. Each funding source will be replenished once the City receives reimbursement from the County of Santa Clara.

Currently, staff estimates that the operating and maintenance impact would be approximately \$25,000 for a small all-inclusive playground (half-acre), and \$50,000 for a large playground (one-acre) site. The all-inclusive playgrounds cost more to maintain due to the extra required inspections of the specialized playground equipment, and the need for City to monitor the park during the day.

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A more precise estimate of operating and maintenance impact will be developed once it is known, and after plans are finalized for the development of the park sites. As the parks would not likely be completed in the next few years, these costs will also be included in future Five-Year General Fund Forecast.

CEQA

Categorically Exempt, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, File No. PP19-001 and PP19-002.

/s/
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