

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: **Parks and Recreation**

AGENDA DATE: **December 16, 2014**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Tracy Novak, Director (212-1708)**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **4**

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for an Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$225,000 for the purpose of developing Futureland Park located at 12171 O'Donnell and authorizing the City Manager to sign grant agreements, and to expend the funds on this project should the grant application be successful.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

A primary goal of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is that citizens should have access to a recreational amenity within ½ mile of their residence. Currently, there is no other recreational amenity within a ½ mile radius of this site. Developing the city-owned land in this northeast neighborhood would fill that gap, providing a public recreation place for residents of the area.

A community meeting was held on June 25, 2014 where residents of the neighborhood surrounding Futureland Park supported development of the park and voted on their design preferences.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On January 27, 2009, City Council approved a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of developing a dog park at Westside Park, 7400 High Ridge Drive.

On October 29, 2013, City Council approved a resolution accepting the donation of unimproved real property and dedicated as parkland, from Jobe Materials.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The grant requires 50% cash match. The total project budget is \$450,000. The grant request is for \$225,000. The City's cash match of \$225,000 is available from residual funds allocated from Certificates of Obligation Series 2009 A, B, C and Series 2010 A and B.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS "APPLICANT," DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AND IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "DEPARTMENT," FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "PROGRAM"; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT MATCHING SHARE IS READILY AVAILABLE; AND UTILIZING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES.

WHEREAS, the Applicant is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the Applicant in dealing with the department concerning the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1: That the Applicant hereby certifies that they are eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that the notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

SECTION 2: That the Applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time.

SECTION 3: That the Applicant hereby authorizes and directs its Department of Parks and Recreation to act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that the Director, Tracy Novak is hereby officially designated as the Applicant's representative in this regard.

SECTION 4: The Applicant hereby specifically authorizes the City Manager and the Applicant's representative to make application to the Department concerning the site to be known as Futureland Park in the City of El Paso for a park site and is hereby dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 5: That the Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to expend any funds that are awarded by the Program for the Futureland Park.

(Signatures begin on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF EL PASO

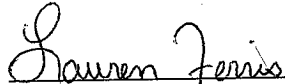
Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

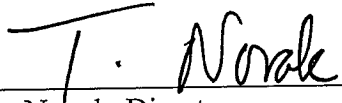
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lauren Ferris
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tracy Nowak, Director
Parks and Recreation Department