

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: January 10, 2017

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Paula Powell, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation (212-1709)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 3

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments;

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a Recreational Trails Grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife in the amount of \$200,000 for the Ascarate to Riverside Trail 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:

The Ascarate to Riverside portion of the Playa Drain Trail has been envisioned as early as 2012, when City Council authorized the initial Trails Plan for El Paso. This 3.5 mile trail will connect the Lower Valley portion of El Paso and provide a critical trail connection for alternative transportation and recreational use. If awarded, this grant will augment the City's commitment of \$300,000 in Quality of Life Bond funds already committed to the project. The City's portion will fund the acquisition and installation of needed amenities, such as benches, exercise stations, signage, shade canopies and other improvements.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

October 1, 2013 City Council approved the Trailhead Project Priority List, using 2012 Quality of Life Bonds.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

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 RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “PROGRAM”; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THE APPLICANT’S EXISTING CONTRIBUTION FROM 2012 QUALITY OF LIFE BOND FUNDS; 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 City of El Paso has committed funds from the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds to be expended for this application and are readily available at this time.

SECTION 3: That the Applicant hereby authorizes and directs its Parks and Recreation Department to act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, 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 submit an application to the Department concerning the site to be known as the Playa Drain Trail Project, more specifically the portion of the trail connecting Ascarate to Riverside, in the City of El Paso for \$200,000 for the purpose of providing additional funding to supplement the aforesaid Project which 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 Ascarate to Riverside Connector Portion of the Playa Drain Trail Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.


CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tracy Novak, Director
Parks and Recreation Department