

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: April 30, 2019

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

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 3, 6 and 7

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 4 – Enhance El Paso’s Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution that City Manager be authorized to sign a Donation Agreement with Paso Del Norte Health Foundation for the donation of design services to develop plans and specifications for the Playa Drain Trail Phase II, from Riverside HS (Whittier Drive) to Ysleta HS (Liberty Street).

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In 2018, the City of El Paso became aware of an opportunity to extend a trail segment along the Playa Drain, from Riverside HS to Ysleta HS. The Paso Del Norte Health Foundation (PDNHF), a current partner with the City in developing a 3.4 mile section of the Playa Drain Trail, has requested the City allow it to fund the development of plans and specifications ready to bid for this section.

Completion of this trail section will create an uninterrupted 8.3 mile trail along the Playa Drain, providing alternative transportation for users, while providing health and wellness benefits.

PDNHF is actively pursuing various grant opportunities to fund the construction of the trail segment.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

October 1, 2013 - City Council approved the Trail/Trailhead Project Priority List, using 2012 QOL Bonds.

March 7, 2017- City Council approved update to Trail/Trailhead Priority List

March 21, 2017 – City Council approved original agreement with PDNHF to construct the 3.4 mile trail along the Playa Drain.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Tracy Novak

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City's El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board ("PSB") owns the Playa Drain ("Drain") and adjacent right of way; and

WHEREAS, the City and PSB entered into Memorandum of Understanding, dated November 3, 2016, for the Joint Use of the Playa Drain Property; and

WHEREAS, the City allocated 2012 Quality of Life Bonds in the amount of \$300,000 for the design and engineering of the Playa Drain Trail ("Trail"); and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the City amended the allocation of funds to be used for purchase of amenities for the Trail; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, the City and the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, a Texas non-profit corporation ("Donor") entered into a Public-Private Partnership to develop an urban, linear Trail along the Playa Drain; and

WHEREAS, under the March 21, 2017 agreement, Donor and City are currently partnered in developing a 3.4 mile section of the Trail, from Ascarate Park beginning at Delta Drive to Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City became aware of an opportunity to extend the trail segment 3.64 miles from Riverside High School at Whittier Drive to Ysleta High School at Liberty Street; and

WHEREAS, the Donor wishes to donate to the City design and engineering services to ready this section to be bid out for construction, valued at an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to be performed by Donor or Donor's Contractor or agent with the cooperation and under the supervision and oversight of the City's Director of the Parks and Recreation Department ("Director"); and

WHEREAS, the completion of this trail section will create an uninterrupted 11.7 mile trail along the Playa Drain; and

WHEREAS, input by representatives of the neighborhood(s) surrounding the Trail will inform, but not direct, the design; and

WHEREAS, the design will comply with City regulations, standards, and guidelines pertaining to Trails; as of the Effective Date of this Agreement and subject to approval by the Director; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds that acceptance of the donation of the design and engineer services serves the municipal purpose of providing recreation leisure opportunities to the residents and visitors to El Paso, promoting physical activity, and enhancing the ability of

residents adjacent to the Trail to further enjoy recreational activities within close proximity to their residences; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council desires to accept this donation for the purpose stated in accordance with this agreement.

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

THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Donation and License Agreement with Donor.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.


CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Dee Margo
Mayor

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leslie B. Jean-Pierre
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Tracy Novak, Director
Parks and Recreation Department